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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2                   ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 ON PAGE 169]

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

7 WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE MEETING AND ASK FOR YOU ALL TO PLEASE  
8 RISE. OUR INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY CHAPLAIN  
9 JAVIER AGUAYO, HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BELLFLOWER,  
10 FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY DEUS  
11 XAVIER SCOTT, FORMER CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND TOM  
12 MCCAFFERTY, FORMER CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES ARMY, BOTH MEMBERS  
13 OF THE VETERANS OF FILM AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATION. CHAPLAIN?

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15   **CHAPLAIN JAVIER AGUAYO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. KNABE. I'M  
16 VERY HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY. I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A  
17 LITTLE BRIEF BACKGROUND. I EMIGRATED HERE SINCE 1968. I CAME  
18 FROM MEXICO. I'M 52 YEARS OLD AND I AM FATHER OF FIVE AND BEEN  
19 MARRIED 29 YEARS TO ONE WOMAN. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. I'M  
20 HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY. HOPEFULLY WE COULD ALL BE BLESSED  
21 WITH AN INVOCATION. IF WE COULD ALL PLEASE BOW OUR HEADS.  
22 FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY  
23 TO BE HERE, LORD, WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE L.A.  
24 COUNTY. LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE WAY YOU PROVIDE THIS COUNTY  
25 WITH THE FACILITIES, THE BUILDINGS AND THE PERSONNEL. THANK

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1 YOU FOR THEIR SERVICE,, LORD, FOR PROVIDING THEM AS SERVANTS  
2 TO THE PUBLIC. LORD, THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT THEIR PAINS AND  
3 HURTS AS WE GET UP EVERY MORNING, LORD, TO COME TO WORK AND TO  
4 SERVE THE PEOPLE. LORD, WHAT A BLESSING IT IS TO BE HERE  
5 TODAY. MAY YOU PROVIDE THE COUNTY WORKERS THAT PROTECT THE  
6 HIGHWAYS, LIGHTING THE FREEWAYS, LORD, AND THAT YOU JUST  
7 CONTINUE PROVIDING FOR FINANCING, LORD, FOR THE CITY OF LOS  
8 ANGELES. BUT, LORD, WE ALSO PRAY FOR THE PARKS AND  
9 RECREATIONS. LORD, WE THANK YOU THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL OUR  
10 CHILDREN, LORD, AS I HAVE FIVE ON OUR OWN AND EVERYBODY DOES,  
11 TOO, I'M SURE, BUT, GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
12 BE HERE. WE THANK YOU THE BLESSINGS AND HOW YOU PROVIDED THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH ALL THESE PROVISIONS OF ALL THE  
14 BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES. LORD, HELP US TO PUT THE DIRECTION  
15 AND THE PLANNING THAT YOU GIVE THEM WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE,  
16 LORD, ON THE PLANS THAT THEY HAVE FOR THE FUTURE FOR THE  
17 COUNTY AND THE LEADERS THAT ARE COMING, LORD, TO SIT AT THEIR  
18 SEAT AS THEY MOVE ON AND PROVIDED THEIR SERVICES. LORD, THANK  
19 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO BE HERE. WE WANT TO BLESS YOU  
20 AND THAT WE WOULD PLEASE YOU AND, LORD, THAT OUR HEARTS WOULD  
21 BURN THAT WE WOULD BURN FOR YOUR LOVE. LORD, WE ASK THIS IN  
22 THE NAME OF MY LORD AND SAVIOR AND WE THANK YOU, GOD, FOR  
23 PROVIDING, AMEN.  
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1 **DEUS XAVIER SCOTT:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
2 HEART AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO ONCE  
5 AGAIN WELCOME AND THANK CHAPLAIN JAVIER AGUAYO FROM HOSANNA  
6 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER. HE SERVES ON THE  
7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WHERE  
8 HE IS ALSO CHAPLAIN OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION, HE  
9 IS ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS FOR THE LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S  
10 STATION AND SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR AMBASSADORS  
11 FOR PEACE. CHAPLAIN AGUAYO HAS BEEN MARRIED, AS HE SAID, FOR  
12 29 YEARS TO ONE WOMAN, ONE WOMAN. AND HE AND HIS WIFE LIVE IN  
13 LAKEWOOD AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN. HE ALSO RUNS A FAMILY-OWNED  
14 AIR CONDITIONING BUSINESS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF  
15 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME  
16 OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US IN LEADING IN A MOST  
17 BENEFICIAL INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THE  
18 AGENDA.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,  
22 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
23 COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THERE'S A  
24 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM

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1 NO. 2-D, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
2 HOLD THIS ITEM. ITEM NO. 3-D IS BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE  
5 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. EXCUSE ME, I  
6 WANT TO STOP RIGHT NOW. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAVE THE PLEDGE  
7 PRESENTATION.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE WERE LED IN THE  
10 PLEDGE THIS MORNING BY DEUS XAVIER SCOTT, FORMER CAPTAIN OF  
11 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, MEMBER OF THE VETERANS FILM AND  
12 TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS. AND WE ALSO-- HE WAS JOINED BY TOM  
13 MCCAFFERTY, FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, MEMBER  
14 OF THE VETERANS OF FILM AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATIONS. AND THEY  
15 LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING, AND WE WANT  
16 TO THANK YOU AND MR. MCCAFFERTY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
17 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR  
18 COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL RESUME WITH THE AGENDA,  
21 PLEASE.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 3-D WAS BEFORE  
24 YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE  
2    CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
5    OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 3-H. ON ITEMS NO.  
6    1-H AND 2-H, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
7    HOLD THESE ITEMS. ITEM NO. 3-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE  
10    CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
13    OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS, ITEMS NO. 1-P  
14    AND 2-P, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
17    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
20    ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 2, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
21    MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 6, THE  
22    RECOMMENDATION ON THE POSTED AGENDA HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A  
23    SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND  
24    ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
25    PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST  
5 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ITEM NO. 10,  
6 THERE'S ALSO REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
7 ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
8 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
16 ITEMS 13 THROUGH 35, ON ITEM NO. 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 14,  
18 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
19 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 15, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
20 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
21 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 18, 2014.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 20, AS INDICATED ON  
2   THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
3   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:**--

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9   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 20 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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11   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 22, THERE'S A REQUEST  
12   FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 26,  
13   27, 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
14   THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 30 AND 31, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST  
15   FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO.  
16   32, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE SHERIFF  
17   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 34, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
22   VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
23   CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

24

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER WITH THE "NO" VOTE SO  
2   RECORDED, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
3   SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 24, ORDINANCES  
6   FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 36 THROUGH 38, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT  
7   TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 36, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
8   FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 5, PERSONNEL,  
9   AND TITLE 6, SALARIES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS BY AMENDING  
10  VARIOUS SECTIONS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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12  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
13  SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15  **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 37, THIS IS AN  
16  ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6  
17  SALARIES, TO ADD AND/OR DELETE AND CHANGE CERTAIN  
18  CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS  
19  DEPARTMENTS.

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21  **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
22  SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
23  ORDERED.

24

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 38, THIS IS AN  
2   ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6  
3   SALARIES TO AMEND SUPERIOR COURT AND COUNTY PERSONNEL TO  
4   CLASSIFY COUNTY EMPLOYMENT AND ADD AND/OR DELETE AND CHANGE  
5   CERTAIN CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN  
6   VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

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8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
9   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS NO. 39 AND  
12   40, ON ITEM NO. 39, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NO.  
13   40, WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 26,  
14   MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
15   THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE  
16   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 41-A, JUST TO MAKE A NOTE  
17   THAT THIS ITEM IS A FOUR-VOTE MATTER, NOT A THREE-VOTE MATTER.  
18   AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
19   PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS?

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23   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEMS 41-B AND 41-C, THE CHIEF  
24   EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE  
25   WEEK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
5 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
6 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL  
11 WHO'S RETIRING AFTER 38 YEARS IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE. DR.  
12 LEONARDO ORTIZ HAS BEEN PROVIDING QUALITY CARE, MEDICAL CARE,  
13 TO THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES IN OUR GREAT COUNTY OF  
14 LOS ANGELES. HE HAS NEVER TURNED AWAY ANYONE BECAUSE THEY WERE  
15 UNABLE TO PAY. KIND OF LIKE DR. MARK \_\_\_\_\_ WHO WAS A GREAT  
16 PHYSICIAN AT THE OLD FRENCH HOSPITAL, NOW THE PACIFIC ALLIANCE  
17 IN THE CHINATOWN AREA. HE VOLUNTEERED THOUSANDS OF HOURS AT  
18 VARIOUS COUNTY HEALTH FAIRS AROUND THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO  
19 HELPING IN THE MEDICAL FIELD HE'S HELPED FAMILIES IN NEED AND  
20 BEEN FEATURED AS A MEDICAL EXPERT ON UNIVISION AND TELEMUNDO.  
21 SO WITH US TODAY IS HIS WIFE MARIA AND HIS DAUGHTERS MAGGIE,  
22 LINDA AND RUTH, AND A GOOD FRIEND HARRY BEY. SO, DOCTOR? THANK  
23 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **DR. LEONARDO ORTIZ:** IT'S A LOT OF PLEASURE TO BE HERE. IT'S AN  
2 HONOR TO BE HERE. AND IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE THE LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS. AND THIS IS THE BEST  
4 PAY THAT I EVER HAVE, THE GRATITUDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
5 GOD BLESS YOU. AND GOD BLESS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.  
6 [APPLAUSE.] (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE WELSH TERRIER WHO'S TWO  
9 YEARS OLD. HE'S A LITTLE SHY. HE'S DOING A LITTLE POTTY BREAK  
10 RIGHT NOW. WE'LL BRING HIM BACK AFTER THE OTHER ONES, OKAY?  
11 BETTER OUT THERE THAN IN HERE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. MAYBE THAT'S THE RED JACKET. I'M  
14 JUST KIDDING. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M VERY PLEASED TO HAVE WITH  
17 US THIS MORNING WINNERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
18 FOUNDATION COMPETITION, MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION. AND I ASSUME  
19 THEY'RE HERE? THEY'RE BACK THERE. SO LET ME-- [APPLAUSE.] LET  
20 ME ASK THEM, JOE, IF YOU COULD HELP THEM ORGANIZE IT AND ASK  
21 THE STUDENTS FROM LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND CHAMINADE COLLEGE  
22 PREPARATORY TO COME UP HERE? AND WE WILL HONOR YOU.  
23 [APPLAUSE.] I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE CATHERINE SEWARD WHO  
24 IS THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
25 FOUNDATION. AS I THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS, THE CONSTITUTIONAL



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1 RIGHTS FOUNDATION PROMOTES CIVIC EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION,  
2 TEACHING THE IDEALS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR  
3 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR  
4 GOVERNMENT. ONE SPECIAL PROGRAM OF THE FOUNDATION IS THE MOCK  
5 TRIAL COMPETITION. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 36TH ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY  
6 MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION. 2,000 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL  
7 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THIS COMPETITION. THEY COMPRISED 145  
8 TEAMS AND 450 VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES IN THE COUNTY OF  
9 LOS ANGELES. THIS YEAR'S CASE INVOLVED THE ISSUE OF SEARCH AND  
10 SEIZURE. AND THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE BEHIND ME ROSE  
11 TO THE TOP IN THAT COMPETITION. WE ARE HERE TO HONOR, FIRST OF  
12 ALL, LET ME JUST GET THIS STRAIGHT, LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.  
13 LOUISVILLE WON THE SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP AND THEY ARE  
14 ACCOMPANIED-- YOU GUYS ARE LOUISVILLE. OKAY. SO LET ME DO  
15 CHAMINADE FIRST SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY HERE. OKAY. WE'VE GOT A  
16 PROCLAMATION FOR THE CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL. CHAMINADE MIDDLE  
17 SCHOOL WON THE L.A. COUNTY, JR. HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP? NO.  
18 YES. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT. AND THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY MISS  
19 JENNIFER ADDER WHO IS THE MOCK TRIAL COACH-- ADER, WHO WILL  
20 RECEIVE THE HELEN BERNSTEIN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. AND  
21 WE'RE VERY HONORED TO HAVE HER HERE. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO  
22 CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL. GIVE THEM A HAND. [APPLAUSE.] AND  
23 JENNIFER, SO WHO IS THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM? OR DO YOU HAVE?  
24 OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD IN A MINUTE, BUT I'M  
25 GOING TO GIVE THIS TO THE SCHOOL, TO THE TEAM. AND LET ME GIVE

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1 THIS PROCLAMATION TO JENNIFER BADER WHO IS BEING HONORED WITH  
2 THE HELEN BERNSTEIN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD. IT IS A GREAT  
3 HONOR FOR A GREAT LADY THAT WE ALL KNEW. AND CONGRATULATIONS  
4 TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE A WINNER SHE CHOSE  
5 NOT TO SPEAK. THAT'S GOOD. AND NEXT IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO  
6 PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS, THE  
7 SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONS FOR THE 36TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION, LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.  
9 LOUISVILLE? [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO INTRODUCE THE COACH AND  
10 TEACHER, MR. MICHAEL TELESCA. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST SAY ON A PERSONAL NOTE. MY SON  
13 WAS A MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPANT FROM MONROE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE  
14 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND IT CHANGED HIS LIFE. HE ENDED UP  
15 GOING TO LAW SCHOOL. HE'S PRACTICED LAW FOR 4-1/2 YEARS IN THE  
16 PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP PAY OFF HIS LOANS. [LAUGHTER.] AND NOW  
17 HE'S A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
18 SO IN ALL OF HIS INTEREST IN BEING A PROSECUTOR CAME OUT OF  
19 THE EXPERIENCE HE HAD IN THE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION OF THE  
20 QUESTIONING AND THE STRATEGY AND THE TACTICS INVOLVED IN  
21 PUTTING TOGETHER A TRIAL AND AN ARGUMENT. AND I THINK YOU WILL  
22 FIND, OVER TIME, THAT THIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN REMARKABLE, A  
23 REMARKABLE AND PROFOUND EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF YOU. AND WE  
24 CONGRATULATE YOU ALL. ESPECIALLY CONGRATULATE ALL THE  
25 TEACHERS, THE COACHES, THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

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1 AND OF COURSE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, WHICH  
2 UNDERWRITES THIS ACTIVITY. AND I WANT TO INVITE CATHERINE  
3 SEWARD TO COME UP AND SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF THE  
4 FOUNDATION. CATHERINE? [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **CATHERINE SEWARD:** HI, THANK YOU SO MUCH ON BEHALF OF THE  
7 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION AND MANY THANKS TO THE LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEIR SUPPORT ENABLES OUR  
9 PROGRAM TO GROW EACH YEAR. WE HAD OVER 100 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE  
10 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND NEXT YEAR WE ANTICIPATE  
11 EVEN MORE. WE'LL BE GOING TO THE STATE TRIALS IN MARCH. AND WE  
12 HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT US. OUR STUDENTS, OUR TEACHERS AND THE  
13 COACHES AND EVERYONE ON STAFF. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. CONGRATULATIONS.  
16 MR. ANTONOVICH?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A TWO-YEAR-OLD WELSH TERRIER MIX. AND  
19 JAZZ IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT  
20 JAZZ, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. SO THIS IS LITTLE JAZZ. AND  
21 THIS IS THE BIGGEST HE'LL GROW. LOOKING FOR A LOVING HOME.  
22 HE'D LIKE TO RUN AROUND IN THE HILLS. [LAUGHTER.]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL BEGIN THE MEETING AND  
25 WE'LL BEGIN WITH THOSE THAT HELD MULTIPLE ITEMS. ARNOLD SACHS

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1 ON 2, 10, 13, 22, 28, 31, 41-A, 1-D AND 7. MR. PREVEN, 1-D, 2-  
2 D, 1-H, 2-H, 7, 12, 14, 26 AND 27. AND GENEVIEVE, DR.  
3 CLAVREUL, 10, 13 AND 30.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S ERIC  
6 PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
7 IS ON THE TELEPHONE, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT INSULTING BUT I'LL  
8 ENDURE IT. THERE WAS A GREAT ARTICLE IN THE "NEW YORK TIMES"  
9 ABOUT NOTHING TO DO WITH COUNTY SUPERVISORS, BUT THERE WAS A  
10 QUOTE THAT I THINK IS WORTH BRINGING UP, WHICH IS BY DIANE VON  
11 FURSTENBERG, WHO SAID, "ONE THING YOU SIMPLY CAN'T FAKE IS  
12 CLARITY." AND I BELIEVE THAT. AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE ITEM  
13 THAT HAS TO DO WITH NO. 12, THE JOHN ANSON FORD AMPHITHEATRE,  
14 THEY ARE DISCLOSING NOW THE LINEUP FOR THE COMING SEASON,  
15 WHICH WILL BE SHORTENED IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR SOME WORK.  
16 NOW, THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE HAS ALL BEEN APPROVED, BUT IT  
17 HAS NOT BEEN EXPOSED PROPERLY. SO I'VE ASKED THAT THEY PUBLISH  
18 THE PLANS SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHERE ON THE TIMELINE THIS  
19 GREAT PROJECT IS, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO BECAUSE IT'S NEVER  
20 BEEN MADE PUBLIC. AND I'M HOPING THAT THEY'LL DO IT BECAUSE  
21 IT'S JUST THE RIGHT WAY. IT'S OPEN GOVERNMENT. IT'S GREAT.  
22 PEOPLE WILL COME IN AND GIVE THEIR OPINION AND WE'LL GET THE  
23 RIGHT SOLUTION AS OPPOSED TO A CLOSED DOOR SOLUTION. ANOTHER  
24 ITEM TODAY HAS TO DO-- THERE ARE TWO ITEMS, ACTUALLY, THAT  
25 HAVE TO DO WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 1-H AND 2-H, BOTH ARE

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1 CONTRACTING ISSUES AND BOTH ARE WON BY THE SAME CONTRACTOR. A  
2 GROUP CALLED TORRES CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION WHO ARE USUAL  
3 COUNTY CUSTOMERS. IT'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE TWO DIFFERENT  
4 KINDS OF BIDDING THAT WE DEAL WITH. ONE IS THE JOB ORDER  
5 CONTRACTING THAT YOU HEARD ME TALK ABOUT AND I'VE ENGAGED THE  
6 C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE ABOUT BECAUSE  
7 THERE'S A LOT OF CONCERN BY ALL OF US THAT THE COMPOSITE BID  
8 FACTOR, WHICH IS WHAT THE CONTRACTOR SAYS THEY CAN DO IT FOR  
9 ON THE DOLLAR. SO IF SOMEBODY SAYS "I'LL DO THIS JOB AT 49  
10 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR" TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, HIS IMMEDIATE  
11 QUESTION WOULD BE: "HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT? ARE YOU  
12 GOING TO LOWER THE COST OF THE MATERIALS? ARE YOU GOING TO--  
13 WHAT'S GOING ON THERE? IS EVERYTHING IN THE PRICE BOOK?" SO  
14 WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT, BUT YET WE'RE ROLLING OUT MORE OF  
15 THESE. AND IT'S WORRISOME. THE 1-H CONTRACT IS THE GUY BID  
16 JUST OVER THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE. AND THE OTHER BIDDER WAS 2  
17 MILLION BUCKS. LIKE DOUBLE THAT. SO IT'S VERY CONFUSING. AND  
18 THEN THAT SAME GUY WINS THE CONTRACT FOR THE LOW BID AT LIKE  
19 63 CENTS OR WHATEVER IT IS. YOU CAN CHECK IF YOU'RE  
20 INTERESTED. YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED. AND THE PUBLIC'S  
21 INTERESTED BECAUSE WE NEED TO GET THE TRANSPARENCY WINDOW  
22 WORKING IN THIS KIND OF CONTRACTING SO THAT IT CAN BE  
23 EFFECTIVE. I WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME ON THE HOMELESSNESS  
24 ISSUE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT DEAL WITH  
25 HOMELESSNESS AND IT'S VERY FRONT AND CENTER. AS WE ALL KNOW,

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1 SINCE 2012-- AGAIN GLORIA MOLINA IS STILL ON THE PHONE,  
2 PRESSING THE BOUNDARIES OF GOOD TASTE, BUT HOMELESSNESS IS  
3 57,725 IS A RECENT NUMBER AND THAT'S UP 23.5 PERCENT SINCE  
4 2012. SO WE KNOW IT'S FRONT AND CENTER AND IT'S OF URGENCY.  
5 AND I SAW ON "60 MINUTES" THIS WEEKEND A VERY IMPRESSIVE  
6 STORY. OH MY GOSH, RIDLEY-THOMAS MAY BE TALKING TO GLORIA  
7 MOLINA ON THE PHONE. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE "60 MINUTES" PIECE  
8 ABOUT THE 100,000 HOMELESS, OR HOMES, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT  
9 LOOKS SUPER EXCITING. I KNOW WE'VE TRIED IT HERE AND WE'RE  
10 TRYING LOTS OF THINGS TODAY HERE AS WELL. I THINK THAT WE  
11 SHOULD BE ENGAGING IN THAT PROCESS AND, WELL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? MR. SACHS?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
16 IT'S FUNNY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING  
17 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND YET THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN AWAY THE  
18 RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. I DID  
19 HOLD SEVERAL ITEMS. I HELD ITEM 1-D. IT MENTIONED SOMETHING  
20 ABOUT CONSISTENT COUNTY POLICY. AND THEN I LOOKED AT NO. 10,  
21 AND THAT'S SOCIAL MEDIA, BRIDGING THE GAP. SO I'M THINKING  
22 GRAIN OF TRUTH FOR NO. 10 AND THE COUNTY POLICY ABOUT GET THE  
23 MONEY FIRST. WE NEED TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE GRAIN OF  
24 TRUTH AND THE COUNTY'S POLICY OF STEALING SO MUCH MONEY FROM  
25 THE PUBLIC. I HELD ITEM 13. THAT MENTIONS SOMETHING THAT MAY



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1 HAVE SIGNIFICANT COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES, NON-ROUTINE SALARIES.  
2 WELL IF IT'S SIGNIFICANT COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES, THEN THERE  
3 SHOULDN'T BE ANYTHING CALLED A NON-ROUTINE SALARY. I HELD ITEM  
4 22. THAT DEALS WITH GRAFFITI. ZERO TOLERANCE ZONES FOR  
5 GRAFFITI. WHICH MUST MAKE THE BLUE LINE THE 2,000 PERCENT ZONE  
6 BECAUSE IT'S PRETTY MUCH COVERED WITH GRAFFITI. AND THERE'S  
7 ZERO ZONES. THEY MUST HAVE TO AVERAGE OUT. MAYBE YOU MIGHT  
8 CHECK INTO IT. MAYBE ONE OF YOU MIGHT RIDE IT. IT'S ONE OF THE  
9 PARTS OF THE WORLD CLASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE  
10 ACCORDING TO THE NEW HEAD OF THE M.T.A., THE NEW BOARD CHAIR  
11 IN THE M.T.A. WORLD CLASS TRANSIT. GET ON THE BLUE LINE. READ  
12 SOME GRAFFITI. PRETTY INTERESTING. I HELD ITEM 31. IT MENTIONS  
13 ABOUT THE SHERIFF, WELL, I ACTUALLY HELD ITEM 28. SHERIFF  
14 ACTING AS AN AGENT FOR THE COUNTY. SO I'M WONDERING, AS AN  
15 AGENT FOR THE COUNTY, IS HE INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT  
16 NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF'S RANK AND FILE? THAT WOULD BE A  
17 NO. SO IF HE'S NOT INVOLVED IN THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATION, HE  
18 BASICALLY GETS STUCK WITH WHAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGREES  
19 WITH THE UNION. THAT PUTS HIM IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION,  
20 YOU KNOW THAT? I HELD ITEM 31, IT SAYS LOCATE AND APPREHEND  
21 THE MOST DANGEROUS FUGITIVES. WELL, I KNOW FIVE PEOPLE WHO  
22 AREN'T. FUGITIVES BUT THEY'RE SITTING RIGHT HERE AROUND THIS  
23 HORSESHOE. AND I HELD ITEM 41-D. IT'S AN ORDINANCE FOR THE  
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU KNOW, THEY DID AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM,  
25 THE NEW PERSON THAT YOU APPOINTED, AND HE MENTIONED THAT HE

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1 HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SITTING SHERIFF WHO JUST RETIRED  
2 THAT HE WOULD EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH HIM. BUT THAT WAS JUST  
3 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SITTING SHERIFF. IN ORDER FOR THAT TO  
4 BECOME A RULE, THE BOARD WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE.  
5 SO IS THE BOARD CONSIDERING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE SHERIFF  
6 TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? BECAUSE IF  
7 YOU'RE NOT, THEN WE'RE RIGHT BACK TO ZERO, WHICH BRINGS US  
8 BACK TO COUNTY POLICIES: GET THE MONEY FIRST, BOOM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? DR. CLAVREUL?

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
13 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 10, I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT  
14 THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA BRIDGING THE GAP  
15 BECAUSE MAYBE THEY CAN LOOK AT ALL THOSE CONTRACTS WE HAVE ON  
16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, THE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
17 WE HAVE SPENT AND HOW TO UTILIZE THEM TO BE MORE EFFICIENT  
18 BECAUSE WE SURELY ARE NOT DOING IT. AND ON ITEM 13, YOU KNOW,  
19 IT'S THE SAME STORE STORY. WHEN YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH L.A.  
20 COUNTY, IT'S ALMOST A CONTRACT FOR LIFE BECAUSE THEY RENEW  
21 WITHOUT NEW R.F.P. AND SO ON AND THAT'S WHAT NO. 13 IS ALL  
22 ABOUT, KEEPING THE SAME PEOPLE ON FOREVER. AND ON ITEM 20, WE  
23 ARE SITTING WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. EVERY YEAR. FOR OVER 25  
24 YEARS WE APPROVE MULTIPLE CONTRACTS. THIS YEAR IT'S 57  
25 CONTRACTS PLUS FOUR NEW ONES. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO

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1 INFORMATION ON HOW THOSE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PERFORMED. UNTIL  
2 LAST YEAR, WE WERE GIVEN AT LEAST A STROKE OF HOW THEY WERE  
3 PERFORMING. THIS YEAR WE DON'T HAVE NOTHING AT ALL. SO I  
4 REALLY OBJECT TO HAVE ALL THOSE CONTRACTS RENEWED AS A BLOCK  
5 CONTRACT. AND THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. BECAUSE WHEN YOU DO IT  
6 THAT WAY, IF IT IS NOT APPROVED, NOBODY GETS THE MONEY. AND  
7 THEN PEOPLE LIKE ME GET THREATS FROM THE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S.  
8 COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S NOT FAIR. I THINK ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE  
9 NOT PROVIDING CARE SHOULD NOT BE RECEIVING MONEY, BECAUSE WE  
10 HAVE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. WHO NEED  
11 THE CARE. SO I WISH YOU LOOK A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO THAT. ON  
12 ITEM 30, HAVING TO DO AGAIN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER  
13 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT. CERNER. AND CERNER HAS BEEN  
14 IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE WORST SOFTWARE HAVING TO DEAL WITH  
15 HOSPITAL, AND NOT THE ONE WE ARE BUYING. AND WE HAVE BOUGHT.  
16 ON ITEM 39, IT'S A DISCUSSION ITEM BUT I PROBABLY WON'T STAY  
17 HERE THAT LONG. AGAIN WE'RE HAVING DOCUMENTS, THE SLIDES WERE  
18 NOT AVAILABLE ON THE WEB. I JUST GOT THE DOCUMENT NOW. BUT,  
19 AGAIN, YOU KNOW, WE ARE HAVING ISSUES SHOWING US, FOR EXAMPLE,  
20 THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS STILL NOT UP TO PAR. AND LAST YEAR WE  
21 WERE PROMISED THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE DONE. AND WHEN YOU  
22 LOOKED AT THE SLIDE, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE,  
23 SOME OF THEM UNTIL 2017. THAT'S A LONG TIME FROM NOW. AND HOW  
24 CAN YOU PERFORM AND PROVIDE SERVICES WHEN PEOPLE CANNOT EVEN  
25 GET SOMEONE TO ANSWER THE PHONE? SO I THINK YOU NEED TO REALLY

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1 LOOK AT THAT. AND AGAIN IT'S THE SAME ABOUT THE ELECTRICAL  
2 HEALTH RECORD. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. THE ITEMS  
5 BEFORE US?

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
8 YOUR BOARD. ITEM NO. 2-D, 1-H, 2-H, 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 22, 26,  
9 27, 28, 30, 31 AND 41-A. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED  
12 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AN ORDER OF PRIVILEGE. I AM GOING TO  
17 TAKE ONE ITEM OUT OF ORDER. I'M GOING TO TAKE ITEM NO. 40 OUT  
18 OF ORDER. THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE RISE  
19 AND HAVE TO BE SWORN IN. I'M GOING TO TURN THE REQUEST TO  
20 SPEAK OVER TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WHO WILL CALL YOU UP. ALSO,  
21 JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT THE TIME LIMIT IS ONE MINUTE PER  
22 SPEAKER.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
25 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH,

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1 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD?  
2 THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ON THIS ITEM, THIS IS THE  
3 HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL  
4 COASTAL PROGRAM AND ITS LAND USE POLICY MAP AND AMEND TITLE  
5 22, PLANNING AND ZONING OF COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE SANTA  
6 MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM. THERE IS A  
7 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, BEFORE WE BEGIN TESTIMONY, THE  
10 DEPARTMENT WILL-- GO AHEAD.

11

12 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THE SANTA MONICA  
13 MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE IS AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 52,000  
14 ACRES, MORE THAN HALF OF WHICH IS IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. IN  
15 2007, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROPOSED SANTA MONICA  
16 MOUNTAINS L.C.P. AFTER CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC OUTREACH. AT THAT  
17 TIME, STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE L.C.P. AND  
18 THEN RETURN TO THE BOARD. AFTER YEARS OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH  
19 THE COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF, WE ARE RETURNING TO THE BOARD  
20 WITH AN L.C.P. THAT FULLY CARRIES OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
21 COASTAL ACT WHILE ALSO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SANTA MONICA  
22 MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY BY RECOGNIZING ITS DUAL TRADITION OF HORSE  
23 KEEPING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THE PLAN EXPLICITLY  
24 REQUIRES THE PRESERVATION OF HORSE KEEPING OPPORTUNITIES IN  
25 SUPPORT OF THE EQUESTRIAN-ORIENTED TRADITION OF THE SANTA

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1 MONICA MOUNTAINS. AS ONE EXAMPLE, THE PLAN ENCOURAGES THE  
2 ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUESTRIAN FRIENDLY TRAIL HEADS, PARKING AND  
3 STAGING AREAS TO PROMOTE LOW COST PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRAILS. THE  
4 L.C.P. ALSO PROPOSES TO PROTECT THE IMPORTANT BIOLOGICAL  
5 RESOURCES OF THE AREA. IN ADDITION, A DEVELOPED MITIGATION FEE  
6 WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED IF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT  
7 COMPLIES WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE L.C.P. THIS IS A  
8 SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM THE CURRENT COASTAL COMMISSION  
9 PRACTICE OF REQUIRING A SIZABLE MITIGATION FEE EVEN IF THE  
10 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT COMPLIES FULLY WITH ALL DEVELOPMENT  
11 REQUIREMENTS. DURING RECENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH, MINOR CHANGES  
12 AND CLARIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
13 RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. WE WILL WORK WITH  
14 COUNTY COUNSEL TO CLARIFY THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE  
15 PROCESS FOR EXISTING CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES AND SPECIFY  
16 THAT THE RELIEF SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO  
17 ALL PARCELS THAT LACK A C.D.P. THAT WERE OVER 15,000 SQUARE  
18 FEET AND WERE ESTABLISHED AFTER THE COASTAL ACT PRIOR TO 2001,  
19 CLARIFY THAT THE PROHIBITION OF AGRICULTURE REFERS ONLY TO  
20 CROPS AND NOT EQUESTRIAN USES; AND REPLACE POLICY 59 WITH THE  
21 FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, "WORK TOWARDS A POISON-FREE SANTA MONICA  
22 MOUNTAINS BY EXPLORING THE FEASIBILITY OF ELIMINATING THE USE  
23 OF RODENTICIDES AT THE SOONEST PRACTICAL DATE AND IDENTIFY AND  
24 PROMOTE RODENT CONTROL METHODS THAT DO NOT INVOLVE POISONS."  
25 BY CERTIFYING THE L.C.P., THE COUNTY WILL REGAIN ITS PERMIT



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1 AUTHORITY. APPLICANTS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO GO TO THE COUNTY  
2 AND COASTAL COMMISSION TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THEIR PROJECTS.  
3 FOR THESE REASONS AND MORE, THIS PROPOSED L.C.P. REPRESENTS A  
4 SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. OUR  
5 PLAN IS TO HAVE A COASTAL COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING IN APRIL.  
6 AND THAT CONCLUDES OUR STATEMENT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE I CALL UP  
11 PEOPLE, I WANT TO JUST MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS AND PRIMARILY  
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN  
13 INVOLVED IN THIS, BOTH AT THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY FAMILY, AT  
14 THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND IN THE COMMUNITY ITSELF. A LOT OF  
15 STAKEHOLDERS OUT THERE WHO HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO GET TO  
16 THIS POINT. I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK MY OWN DEPUTY BEN  
17 SALZMAN WHO WAS UP TO 3:30 LAST NIGHT-- THIS MORNING PREPARING  
18 FOR THIS. [APPLAUSE.] AND I TOLD HIM HE SHOULD HAVE TURNED ON  
19 N.B.C., HE COULD HAVE WATCHED THIS VERY EXCITING CURLING MATCH  
20 FROM THE OLYMPICS. [LAUGHTER.] I WANT TO THANK RICHARD  
21 BRUCKNER, GINA NATOLI AND JOSH HUNTINGTON OF THE PLANNING  
22 DEPARTMENT STAFF. I WANT TO THANK CHARLES LESTER AND JACK  
23 AYNESWROTH OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION. THERE'S A LETTER THAT  
24 HAS BEEN SENT BY CHARLES LESTER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
25 COASTAL COMMISSION, ASKING US TO APPROVE THIS PLAN AND

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1 ENDORSING THIS FRAMEWORK, WHICH IS A REMARKABLE, A REMARKABLE  
2 ACHIEVEMENT, GIVEN WHERE WE WERE SIX YEARS AGO WHEN WE LAST  
3 DISCUSSED THIS ITEM. I WANT TO THANK THE STAKEHOLDERS ON ALL  
4 SIDES, THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY, OF COURSE THAT WE WILL HEAR  
5 FROM, I'M SURE, TODAY. BUT ALSO THE VERY IMPORTANT  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ENDORSED THIS PLAN, HEAL  
7 THE BAY, COASTAL ACTION NETWORK, THE SIERRA CLUB, AMONG  
8 OTHERS, AND I HESITATE TO START GOING THROUGH THE LIST. WE  
9 HAVE A REMARKABLE COALITION OF SUPPORT ON VIRTUALLY ALL SIDES  
10 OF THIS ISSUE. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT WE HAVE 100 PERCENT; WE  
11 DON'T. BUT WE HAVE A COALITION THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED, AT LEAST  
12 IN MY MEMORY IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTY. IT'S NOT A PERFECT  
13 PLAN. THERE'S NO PLAN THIS BOARD HAS APPROVED THAT IS PERFECT.  
14 BUT AS WE HAVE TALKED TO OURSELVES AND AMONG OURSELVES, WE  
15 DON'T WANT THE PERFECT TO BE THE ENEMY OF A REALLY, REALLY  
16 GOOD, SOLID PLAN, WHICH THIS IS. THE PLAN CONTAINS GREAT  
17 PROTECTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT ENSURES THAT THE COASTAL  
18 ZONE PARTS OF THE SANTA MONICA PROJECT WILL BE PROTECTED FOR  
19 GENERATIONS TO COME SO THAT PEOPLE LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE WILL  
20 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY AND EXPERIENCE WHAT WE'VE HAD  
21 THE OPPORTUNITY AND OUR ANCESTORS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
22 EXPERIENCE. IT IS A VERY RIGOROUS PLAN, BUT IT IS ALSO A VERY  
23 SENSITIVE TO THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC ROLE THAT THE  
24 EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITIES HAVE PLAYED. LONG BEFORE ANY OF US WERE  
25 AROUND OR ANY OF OUR ANCESTORS WERE AROUND, HORSES WERE A PART

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1 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THEY ARE A PART OF THAT CULTURE  
2 AS MUCH AS ANYBODY OR ANYTHING. AND THE PLAN REFLECT ALL OF  
3 THAT. I WON'T GO INTO THOSE DETAILS, I'M SURE WE'LL GET INTO  
4 THAT LATER, BUT I JUST WANTED TO AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE  
5 PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED EXTRAORDINARILY LONG HOURS ON A VERY  
6 COMPLICATED PLAN, WHICH AT THE END OF THE DAY IS  
7 SUBSTANTIVELY-- IDENTICAL IS MAYBE TOO STRONG A WORD-- BUT  
8 CLOSE TO IDENTICAL AS YOU COULD BE TO THE PLAN THAT WE  
9 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT THIS BOARD IN 2007. THE NOMENCLATURE  
10 MAY HAVE CHANGED. SOME OF THE-- CERTAINLY UPDATED TO TODAY'S  
11 STANDARDS AND TODAY'S NOMENCLATURE IN THE COASTAL ACT AND  
12 THINGS OF THAT SORT, BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL SUBSTANCE OF WHAT  
13 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE APPROVED BACK IN 2007.  
14 THE DIFFERENCE IS WE'VE HAD A COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE OVER  
15 THE LAST YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF, WITH THE COASTAL STAFF. THEY  
16 HAVE MET US HALFWAY. WE HAVE MET THEM HALFWAY ON SOME ISSUES  
17 THAT ARE, FRANKLY, MORE SYMBOLIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE. AND WE WERE  
18 ABLE TO REACH THAT ACCORD WITH THEM. SO WITH THAT, LET ME--

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, BEFORE YOU START  
21 CALLING ANYONE UP TO TESTIFY, MR. ANTONOVICH HAD SOME  
22 QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WAS THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN  
2    THIS PROPOSAL?

3

4    **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SUPERVISOR, THERE WERE EXTENSIVE OUTREACH TO  
5    THE LEADERSHIP OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY AS WELL AS  
6    EXTENSIVE OUTREACH TO HOMEOWNERS.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY IS IN SUPPORT OF  
9    THE PROPOSAL?

10

11   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THERE IS A LARGE CONTINGENT OF THE  
12   EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY THAT IS SUPPORTIVE. I THINK YOU'LL HEAR  
13   FROM THAT TODAY.

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ANSWER THAT? BECAUSE I THINK I'M IN A  
16   BETTER POSITION TO ANSWER THAT. WE WORKED WITH THE EQUESTRIAN  
17   COMMUNITY OVER A PERIOD OF MANY WEEKS AND RIGHT THROUGH LAST  
18   NIGHT AND I BELIEVE THAT THE LION'S SHARE, IF NOT ALL, OF THE  
19   EQUESTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS WILL COME HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE  
20   PLAN AS MR. BRUCKNER HAS DESCRIBED THE CHANGES THAT ARE GOING  
21   TO BE MADE.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN IS THE PLAN MORE OR LESS RESTRICTIVE  
24   THAN THE CURRENT COASTAL COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS?

25

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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE PLAN IS MUCH MORE HORSE FRIENDLY.  
2   EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE HORSE COMMUNITY. I THINK THIS  
3   STARTS WITH THE POLICY STATEMENT IN THE PLAN THAT I'LL READ A  
4   PORTION OF IT BECAUSE I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS A  
5   POLICY STATEMENT. AND THE STANDARDS AND THE PLAN STEM FROM  
6   THIS POLICY STATEMENT AND I'LL QUOTE. "PRESERVE THE  
7   OPPORTUNITY FOR HORSE KEEPING IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUESTRIAN-  
8   ORIENTED TRADITION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. ENCOURAGE  
9   THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUESTRIAN FRIENDLY TRAIL HEAD PARKING  
10   AND STAGING TO PROMOTE LOW COST PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRAILS." THE  
11   PLAN ALSO HAS STANDARDS FOR EQUESTRIAN USES THAT IS MUCH MORE  
12   LIBERAL THAN THE COASTAL COMMISSION USES TODAY; IN FACT, THE  
13   COASTAL COMMISSION IS I THINK I CAN SAY IS NOT EQUESTRIAN-  
14   FRIENDLY. THIS PLAN, AS THE POLICY STATEMENT SAYS AND AS  
15   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS SAID, THIS PLAN IS EQUESTRIAN-  
16   FRIENDLY AND IS MUCH MORE LIBERAL IN THE RULES FOR HORSE  
17   KEEPING.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO OVERALL IS THE PLAN MORE OR LESS  
20   RESTRICTIVE THAN THE CURRENT COASTAL PLAN?

21

22   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT THE COASTAL  
23   COMMISSION USES TODAY.

24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN ITS PRESENT FORM, WAS IT PRESENTED TO THE  
2    COMMUNITY SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE REVIEW AND COMMENT?

3

4    **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION AS  
5    DESCRIBED BY THE SUPERVISOR WITH THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M TALKING ABOUT OTHER AREAS BESIDES  
8    EQUESTRIAN, AS WELL.

9

10   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** OH, THERE WAS PRESENTATION TO 35 HOMEOWNER  
11   GROUPS. THERE WERE PRESENTATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS. AND A LARGE  
12   NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS, IN ADDITION TO WHICH THE PLAN HAS  
13   BEEN POSTED AND AVAILABLE FOR THE LAST FIVE WEEKS.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO VINEYARDS?

16

17   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE PLAN DOES NOT PERMIT NEW VINEYARDS. IT  
18   PERMITS EXISTING VINEYARDS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE STATE  
19   THEREIN. AND THERE WAS A BALANCE REQUIRED BETWEEN  
20   ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND THE ABILITY TO INTRODUCE NEW  
21   VINEYARDS INTO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS.

22

23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU CAN'T HAVE NEW VINEYARDS.

24



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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO, IT DOES NOT ALLOW NEW VINEYARDS. IT  
2   PERMITS THE EXISTING VINEYARDS TO CONTINUE AND TO FLOURISH.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIKE, IF I COULD ADD TO THAT. THE COASTAL  
5   COMMISSION DOES NOT ALLOW NEW VINEYARDS, SO IN ORDER TO PUT A  
6   NEW VINEYARD IN, YOU NOT ONLY HAVE TO GET A PERMIT FROM US,  
7   BUT FROM COASTAL. COASTAL WILL NOT APPROVE NEW VINEYARDS. SO  
8   IT'S NOT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN WHAT COASTAL ALREADY DOES. IT'S  
9   JUST REFLECTING WHAT THEY DO.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE COASTAL COMMISSION TODAY VERSUS THE  
12   COASTAL COMMISSION TOMORROW COULD HAVE DIFFERENT POLICIES  
13   RELATIVE TO VINEYARDS. I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE PUTTING IN  
14   A TOXIC DUMP. A VINEYARD ADDS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL.

15

16   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** TO PUT THAT IN CONTEXT, SUPERVISOR, THE VIEW  
17   OF VINEYARDS HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE-- THE VIEW OF VINEYARDS  
18   HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE CONCERNING TO COASTAL COMMISSION  
19   BECAUSE OF THE PESTICIDES, THE FERTILIZERS, THE WATER QUALITY  
20   AND QUITE FRANKLY, THE LACK OF WATER IN THE SANTA MONICA  
21   MOUNTAINS, SO THEIR VIEW OF VINEYARDS HAS BEEN LESS AND LESS  
22   FRIENDLY.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE ORGANIC VINEYARDS THAT DON'T HAVE  
25   THOSE TYPES OF CHEMICALS. SO AGAIN YOU'RE PAINTING THEM WITH A

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1 BROAD BRUSH IS A PROBLEM. COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE REVIEW AND  
2 PERMITTING PROCESS THAT WILL BE IN THE H1, H2 AND H3 ZONES?

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** CURRENTLY THE OVERVIEW OF THAT IS THAT  
5 CURRENTLY YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH A COUNTY PROCESS, A FULL  
6 COUNTY PROCESS AND THEN TRANSITION AND MOVE ON TO THE COASTAL  
7 PROCESS. SO CURRENTLY YOU HAVE TWO COMPLETE PROCESSES YOU HAVE  
8 TO MOVE THROUGH. IF THIS PLAN WERE APPROVED, YOU WOULD ONLY  
9 NEED TO COME TO THE COUNTY FOR PERMITTING. IN TERMS OF THE  
10 RULES FOR PERMITTING, THE RULES ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME  
11 EXCEPT THAT ON EVERY SINGLE PARCEL, THE COASTAL COMMISSION HAS  
12 TO MAKE FINDINGS THAT THE USE IS NOT A TAKING. IN THIS PLAN,  
13 THERE ARE EXPLICIT STANDARDS FOR HOW TO DEVELOP AND WHAT YOU  
14 CAN DEVELOP AND THERE ARE BY RIGHT DEVELOPMENTS PERMITTED.  
15 WHEREAS CURRENTLY IN COASTAL, NOTHING IS BY RIGHT. YOU HAVE TO  
16 GO THROUGH A WHOLE SERIES OF FINDINGS AND A VERY COMPLICATED  
17 PROCESS AS WELL AS AS I STATED TO BEGIN WITH, THE TWO-STAGE  
18 PROCESS, THE COUNTY PROCESS AND THE COASTAL PROCESS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THIS NEW PROCESS INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN  
21 TIME AND AN INCREASE IN FEES?

22

23 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO, IT DOES NOT. THIS PROCESS WILL DECREASE  
24 THE AMOUNT OF TIME NECESSARY TO GET PERMITS AGAIN BECAUSE YOU  
25 HAVE TO GO THROUGH A TWO-STAGE PROCESS CURRENTLY AND YOU'LL

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1 HAVE A ONE-STAGE PROCESS IN THE FUTURE. IN TERMS OF FEES, THE  
2 COASTAL COMMISSION REQUIRES FOR ANY STRUCTURE, FOR ANY  
3 STRUCTURE THAT THERE BE A MITIGATION FEE. THIS PLAN HAS BY  
4 RIGHT USES AND STANDARDS, AND THERE IS NOT A MITIGATION FEE  
5 FOR THOSE BY RIGHT STANDARDS. AND WE'RE USING, IN TERMS OF THE  
6 PERMIT AND APPLICATION FEES, THE ONES THAT THIS BOARD HAS  
7 APPROVED AND WE'VE BEEN USING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING  
8 THE OTHER COASTAL AREAS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THIS PROTECT THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL  
11 TAKING OF PRIVATE PROPERTY?

12

13 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THIS PLAN, AGAIN, I THINK IT'S VERY  
14 IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE, THIS PLAN HAS BY-RIGHT USES, AND THE  
15 COASTAL COMMISSION REQUIRES A FINDING ON EVERY SINGLE  
16 PROPERTY. THIS PLAN IS CLEAR. IT HAS STANDARDS. IT HAS  
17 PERMITTED USES. SO IT IS MUCH MORE CLEAR. IF YOU WERE TO GO TO  
18 COASTAL AND SAY, "WHAT CAN I DO?" THEY DON'T HAVE A BOOK OR A  
19 CODE THAT THEY CAN SHOW YOU. EVERY PROPERTY IS A NEGOTIATION.  
20 SO THIS IS OF MORE CERTAINTY FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THAT ENHANCE THE PROTECTION OF  
23 PROPERTY, PRIVATE PROPERTY?

24

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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL, AGAIN, FIRST OF ALL YOU ONLY HAVE TO  
2   COME TO ONE PERMITTING AUTHORITY AS OPPOSED TO TWO.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T CARE WHO THEY APPEAR BEFORE, BUT AT  
5   THE END RESULT, DOES IT PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY?

6

7   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IT PROTECTS PRIVATE PROPERTY BECAUSE YOU  
8   HAVE A RIGHT TO BUILD.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE REVIEW  
11   PROCESS GRANDFATHERED?

12

13   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS AND  
14   ARE NOT PERMITTED WILL HAVE TO CONFORM TO THE PLAN,  
15   UNFORTUNATELY. AND THAT IS STATE LAW. I DON'T KNOW IF COUNTY  
16   COUNSEL WANTS TO COMMENT ON THAT, BUT THAT'S STATE LAW, THAT  
17   ONCE THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED, THAT WILL BE THE STANDARD UNDER  
18   WHICH THE REVIEW IS-- AND WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE IN THAT.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY ARE IN THAT PROCESS RIGHT NOW?

21

22   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEEL FOR THAT.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY ARE CLOSE TO BE APPROVED RIGHT  
25   NOW?

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1

2 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEEL FOR WHERE THEY ARE  
3 IN THE PROCESS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE  
6 IN THE PROCESS SO THAT WE DON'T ADD AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN UPON  
7 THOSE UPON THOSE THAT ARE ABOUT TO BE APPROVED, ONLY TO GO  
8 BACK TO THE STARTING GATE AND START OVER AGAIN?

9

10 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL, IF THIS PLAN WERE APPROVED, WE WOULD  
11 SCHEDULE IT FOR COASTAL HEARING IN THE SPRING. AND THEN IT  
12 WOULD COME BACK TO THIS BOARD AND THEN GO BACK TO COASTAL. SO  
13 IF SOMEONE IS IN PROCESS, THEY HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS TO PERFECT  
14 THAT PERMIT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S NO THRESHOLD FOR APPROVAL? I  
17 MEAN NOT APPROVAL. BUT THERE'S NO THRESHOLD THAT IF THEY'RE X  
18 FAR INTO THE PROCESS, THEY'RE GRANDFATHERED?

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME ON  
21 THAT. TYPICALLY, WHEN THIS BOARD ADOPTS, SAY, A SPECIFIC PLAN  
22 OR OTHER PLANS, THERE IS, WHEN YOU HAVE A COMPLETE  
23 APPLICATION, YOU ARE PROCESSED UNDER THE EXISTING RULES.  
24 UNFORTUNATELY, AND MAYBE COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS TO COMMENT ON

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1 THIS, ONCE THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED, YOU MUST CONFORM TO THAT  
2 PLAN, EVEN IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EVEN IF IT'S COMING BEFORE US, WE CAN'T  
5 SAY THAT WE CAN'T CONTROL THE PROCESS? IF IT'S IN PROCESS? I  
6 MEAN IF THEY'RE LIKE 80 PERCENT, 90 PERCENT THROUGH.

7

8 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF THEY'RE 80 OR 90 PERCENT THROUGH,  
9 HOPEFULLY IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE PLAN IS  
10 PERFECTED, THEY WOULD COMPLETE THAT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOPEFULLY THAT WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD THAT  
13 INFORMATION BEFORE US BEFORE WE PUT THE NOOSE AROUND THEIR  
14 NECK. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THIS IS REALLY INCOMPLETE RIGHT NOW. I  
15 MEAN, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT MINOR MODIFICATION.

16

17 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** AGAIN, IF SOMEONE IS IN THE PROCESS, THEY  
18 HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS BEFORE THIS TAKES  
19 PLACE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE TAKING TESTIMONY. COULD ANYONE IN  
22 YOUR OFFICE DETERMINE HOW MANY NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ARE IN  
23 THAT?

24

25 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN TO GET THAT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF YARDS PROVIDED FOR  
3 BRUSH CLEARANCE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** DO YOU MEAN THE FUEL MODIFICATION AREA REQUIRED, MR.  
6 SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT NOW, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT I BELIEVE WAS  
9 ASKING FOR WAS IT 300-YARD BRUSH CLEARANCE BECAUSE OF THE  
10 PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH THE STATION FIRE AND THE PROBLEMS THAT  
11 WE'VE HAD IN RECENT FIRES?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** MR. SUPERVISOR, THE REQUIRED DISTANCE BY THE FIRE  
14 DEPARTMENT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IS A 200-FOOT FUEL  
15 MODIFICATION ZONE AROUND THOSE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THIS ONE IS 300 FEET?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** NO, SIR. IT STAYS AT 200. WE ARE NOT REVISING THE  
20 FUEL MODIFICATION ZONES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS YOU SHOULD IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT  
23 PROPERTY AND LIFE. DID ANY OF THESE CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS  
24 THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED TO US, HAVE THEY BEEN SUBJECT TO  
25 PUBLIC REVIEW?



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1

2 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ABSOLUTELY. AS I SAID AT THE OUTSET, THE  
3 PLAN HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR FOUR MONTHS. THEY HAVE BEEN  
4 OUTREACHED TO APPROXIMATELY 35 HOMEOWNER GROUPS, BUT THIS PLAN  
5 IS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE 2007 PLAN AND A REFINEMENT OF THAT. AND  
6 THERE WERE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH DURING THAT TIME  
7 AND DURING THE LAST FOUR WEEKS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE SOME  
10 PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEING INCLUDED THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN  
11 DISCUSSED AND OUGHT TO BE SET FOR A PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC  
12 HEARINGS BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, BEFORE FINAL  
13 CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD.

14

15 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WELL THERE ARE SOME MODIFICATIONS THAT I  
16 MENTIONED. THEY CAME OUT OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO'S THE PUBLIC?

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE INTERESTED PARTIES, THE HOMEOWNERS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE WAS A LAUREL AND HARDY MOVIE ONE TIME  
23 THAT THREE OF THEM WERE ON AN ISLAND. THREE PEOPLE. LAUREL AND  
24 HARDY AND ONE OTHER PERSON. SO OLIVER BECOMES THE PRESIDENT,  
25 THE KING, THE OTHER PERSON BECOMES THE VICE PRESIDENT AND STAN

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1 SAYS, "WELL WHAT AM I?" AND THEY SAID, "WELL, YOU'RE THE  
2 PEOPLE." SO SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE IN POWER, THEY TAKE  
3 ALL THE POWER; AND THE PEOPLE HAVE NO INPUT IN THAT FINAL  
4 OUTCOME. AND THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE, THAT WE DIDN'T  
5 HAVE A WELL ENOUGH PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS TO HAVE THIS  
6 INFORMATION BROUGHT TO US BEFORE WE MAKE A FINAL DECISION  
7 INSTEAD OF HAVING ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, WHATEVER,  
8 BYPASSING THAT PROCESS. THAT'S MY CONCERN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SINCE I HEARD FROM A FEW OF  
11 YOU WANTING TO SHOUT OUT, THE RULES OF THE BOARD ARE: WE DON'T  
12 ALLOW SHOUTING OR BOOING OR HISSING OR APPLAUSE. IF YOU  
13 SUPPORT A SPEAKER, JUST GO LIKE THIS. IF YOU OPPOSE IT, SIT ON  
14 YOUR HANDS. SO MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL START CALLING THE INDIVIDUALS. I  
17 DON'T HAVE A CLOCK HERE. SO YOU'LL LET ME KNOW. THE LIGHT WILL  
18 GO ON. OKAY. EVERYBODY WILL HAVE A MINUTE TO SPEAK. WE HAVE  
19 QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD. I'M GOING TO  
20 CALL FOUR AT A TIME SO THAT YOU CAN COME UP HERE. SAMANTHA  
21 BLAKE, DANIEL BAHR, BETH COLLINS-BURGARD AND LISA SUSSMAN. MS.  
22 BLAKE?

23

24 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** I'M SAMANTHA BLAKE.

25

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WHY DON'T YOU START?

2

3    **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED  
4    TO-- JUST BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, I AM A PROPERTY OWNER. MY  
5    HUSBAND AND I HAVE TWO PARCELS, ONE HAS AN ACTIVE AND OPEN  
6    COASTAL PERMIT. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING RIGHT NOW  
7    THE ADJOINING PARCEL WE JUST BOUGHT THREE YEARS AGO. WE ARE  
8    CURRENTLY IN THE A1 ZONE. WE'RE ZONED A1. FROM THE PROPOSED  
9    L.C.P., IT APPEARS THAT WE'RE NOW AN O.S. INSTEAD OF R.C. ONE  
10   OF THE REASONS THAT WE BOUGHT, AND PRIMARY REASON THAT WE  
11   BOUGHT THE PROPERTY WAS BECAUSE OF THE A1 ZONING. I RIGHT NOW  
12   GROW CROPS PERSONALLY IN MY HOME VEGETABLE GARDEN, BUT I HAVE  
13   ASPIRATIONS TO BE AN ORGANIC FARMER. AND ONE OF THE MAIN  
14   REASONS I BOUGHT-- OR WE BOUGHT THIS PROPERTY WAS SO THAT I  
15   COULD GROW CROPS, HAVE CHICKENS, KEEP BEES. AND IT SEEMS TO ME  
16   THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A REGULATORY TAKING BY REZONING THE  
17   PROPERTY AND TAKING AWAY THE ABILITY TO GROW CROPS.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I THINK I KNOW YOUR POINT.  
20   AND WE'LL ADDRESS THAT AT THE END OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. BUT I  
21   WILL JUST SAY IT'S NOT A TAKING. YOU HAVE OTHER USES FOR YOUR  
22   PROPERTY. AND BY THE WAY, JUST BECAUSE THERE MAY BE SOME OTHER  
23   PEOPLE WHO COME HERE WITH THE SAME-- COME UP HERE WITH THE  
24   SAME ARGUMENT. RIGHT NOW IF YOU WANTED TO EXPAND YOUR  
25   AGRICULTURAL USES, YOU'D HAVE TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE COASTAL

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1 COMMISSION. THEY WOULD NOT GRANT IT BECAUSE THEY PROHIBIT  
2 AGRICULTURE. THIS IS NOT A COUNTY CHOICE. IN FACT, I PROBABLY  
3 DON'T THINK THERE'S A PERSON UP HERE WHO WOULD NOT MIND SEEING  
4 A FEW MORE WINERIES IN THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS AROUND SOUTHERN  
5 CALIFORNIA. BUT IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE COASTAL  
6 COMMISSION GOVERNS AND THEY DO NOT PERMIT AGRICULTURE,  
7 VINEYARDS, AGRICULTURE OF ANY KIND. SO WHETHER WE APPROVE THIS  
8 PLAN OR NOT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO EXPAND YOUR AGRICULTURAL  
9 USE.

10

11 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** I DO HAVE A QUICK QUESTION, MAY I, IF I MIGHT?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD SINCE I SPOKE.

14

15 **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** WITH REGARD TO AN OPEN AND ACTIVE PERMIT THAT  
16 HAS BEEN APPROVED ALREADY, WE HAVE A COMBINED--

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. BUCKNER, DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT?

19

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22 **>>RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF YOU HAVE A PERMIT, IT'S VALID. IT WILL  
23 STAY VALID AFTER THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED.

24

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1   **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** INCLUDING THE PLANTING PLAN THAT WE HAVE THAT  
2   INCLUDES MY VEGETABLE GARDEN BEYOND 20 FEET.

3

4   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF YOU HAVE AN APPROVED L.C.P.-- EXCUSE ME,  
5   A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, YOU'RE OKAY. YOU'RE ALLOWED TO  
6   DO THAT. AND I WOULD CLARIFY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HOME  
7   VEGETABLE GARDEN, THERE'S A CARVE OUT FOR ALL HOME USE.

8

9   **SAMANTHA BLAKE:** RIGHT, BUT THAT'S WITHIN THE 20-FOOT ZONE  
10   WHICH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES TO BE DENUDED.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, YOU GOT YOUR ANSWER. YOU'LL BE OKAY.  
13   DANIEL BAHR?

14

15   **DANIEL BAHR:** HI. I GUESS MY CONCERN WAS SIMILAR. MOSTLY I'M IN  
16   FAVOR OF THE PLAN. IT'S THE DOWNZONING THAT RAISED THE CONCERN  
17   WITH PROPERTIES WHICH HAVE BEEN HISTORICALLY USED FOR A  
18   PARTICULAR USE BEING DOWNZONED AND THEN CREATING ISSUES.

19

20   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YOUR PARTICULAR PROPERTY WAS ONE THAT DURING  
21   OUR PUBLIC OUTREACH CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AND WE ACTUALLY ARE  
22   RECOMMENDING A CHANGE TO BE MORE IN CONFORMANCE WITH WHAT  
23   YOU'RE USING YOUR PROPERTY FOR. THAT'S ONE OF THE MISTAKES WE  
24   MADE. AND THAT WAS WHY THE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND OUR LISTENING  
25   WAS SO IMPORTANT.

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1

2 **DANIEL BAHR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BETH COLLINS-BURGARD?

5

6 **BETH COLLINS-BURGARD:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND BOARD  
7 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS BETH COLLINS- BURGARD. I'M A LAND USE  
8 ATTORNEY AT BROWNSTEIN REPRESENTING THE RAMIREZ CANYON  
9 PRESERVATION FUND, WHITING WAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND  
10 JONATHAN KAYE. WE SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS LAST WEEK, AND  
11 I'LL SUMMARIZE QUICKLY. THE BOARD CANNOT MAKE THE FINDINGS  
12 THAT ARE REQUIRED TO SEND THIS L.C.P. DRAFT TO THE COASTAL  
13 COMMISSION. THE PROPOSED L.C.P.'S INCONSISTENT WITH THE  
14 COASTAL ACT BECAUSE IT USES DESIGNATIONS SUCH AS ZERO, H1, H2,  
15 H3 TO DESCRIBE E.S.H.A. AND ALLOWS USES THAT DO NOT PROTECT OR  
16 PRESERVE E.S.H.A., IN FACT, THAT DESTROY E.S.H.A., AND SO IT'S  
17 CONTRARY TO THE COASTAL ACT. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROPOSED L.C.P.  
18 VIOLATES THE COASTAL ACT BY DEFINING CAMP GROUNDS AS A  
19 RESOURCE DEPENDENT USE WHICH IS ALSO DETAILED IN OUR LETTER.  
20 FINALLY OR ADDITIONALLY, ALLOWING CAMPING IN E.S.H.A. IN THE  
21 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS POSES AN UNACCEPTABLE WILDFIRE RISK.  
22 THE L.U.P. ACKNOWLEDGES THAT CHAPARRAL AND COASTAL SAGE SHRUB  
23 DOMINATE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND IS, QUOTE, "ONE OF THE  
24 MOST VOLATILE FUEL TYPES IN THE WORD." YET THE L.C.P. ALLOWS  
25 CAMP GROUNDS IN OPEN SPACE OF ALL TYPES AND IT PROPOSES TO DO

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1 SO WITH THE STAFF LEVEL APPROVAL, LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE AND NO  
2 HEARING. FINALLY, THERE IS THIS ADDITIONAL SIX PAGES OF  
3 INFORMATION THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED JUST IN THE LAST FIVE DAYS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR TIME'S UP. I HAVE TO KEEP THE TIME  
6 BECAUSE IT'S NOT FAIR TO EVERYBODY ELSE. SO IF YOU WANT TO  
7 MAKE THAT LETTER AVAILABLE, WE'LL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

8

9 **BETH COLLINS-BURGARD:** WELL THERE'S NEW INFORMATION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I HAVE TO DO THIS BECAUSE OTHERWISE  
12 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DO THIS FOR EVERYBODY. AND WE HAVE ALMOST  
13 100 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. LISA SUSSMAN? BEFORE YOU  
14 SPEAK, LET ME CALL ON THE NEXT GROUP OF FOUR OR THREE, PAUL  
15 CULBURG, NANCY HELSLEY AND KIM LAMORIE. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **LISA SUSSMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. YOU'RE VERY  
18 FAMILIAR WITH MY NEIGHBORHOOD. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS SUNSET MESA.  
19 I'M ONE OF THE THOUSAND HOMEOWNERS THAT LIVE IN SUNSET MESA. I  
20 SENT IN A LETTER, JANUARY 28TH IS THE DATE OF THE LETTER. IT'S  
21 VERY DETAILED SO I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL, BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE  
22 IT, I HAVE A COPY FOR YOU. I ALSO HAVE A NEIGHBOR THAT SENT IN  
23 A LETTER FEBRUARY 3RD. ESSENTIALLY THE CONCERNS ARE THIS: IT  
24 APPEARS TO ME THAT THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN DOES NOT TAKE INTO  
25 CONCERN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPED NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



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1 IS ONE THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. WE HAVE A VERY HIGH  
2 DENSITY POPULATION. AND WHAT WE ALSO HAPPEN TO HAVE IS WE HAVE  
3 A COUPLE OF OPEN SPACES. ONE OF THE OPEN SPACES IS ABUTTING  
4 THE FRONTAGE OF THE MESA. IT'S THE ONE THAT'S HAD LANDSLIDES.  
5 IT'S HAD NUMEROUS PROBLEMS. THE COASTAL COMMISSION HAS SINCE  
6 1950S WHEN THE PROPERTIES WERE BUILT, IT WAS NEVER BUILT TO BE  
7 BUILT ON. THEY HAVE CONSISTENTLY DENIED BECAUSE IT  
8 UNFORTUNATELY WAS RESTRICTED AND IT WENT TO PUBLIC SALE BY A  
9 SPECULATOR. IT HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN DENIED USE BECAUSE IT'S A  
10 PROBLEM. I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M AWARE OF YOUR ISSUES. THANK YOU. PAUL  
13 CULBERG? AND BEFORE YOU GO ON, PAUL, LET ME JUST CALL ROGER  
14 PUGLIESE? COMING DOWN, PAUL?

15

16 **PAUL CULBERG:** I'LL MAKE A FAST STATEMENT. I AM A RESIDENT OF  
17 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS. AND IN THAT  
18 TIME, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THIS BODY, I HAVE SEEN INORDINATE  
19 DESTRUCTION OF OUR REGION'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS. OUR  
20 MOUNTAINS AND COASTLINE DISAGGREGATE PATCHWORK OF PRIVATE  
21 NATIONAL STATE CONSERVANCY LANDS MAKES UP THE LARGEST URBAN  
22 PARK IN THE COUNTRY. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF NATURE BRIDGE WHICH  
23 FOSTERS ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY FOR A SUSTAINABLE PLANET. WE  
24 FIND THESE MOUNTAINS AND ITS DIVERSE TEACHING CLIMATES OF  
25 ENORMOUS VALUE. I DO NOT SPEAK FOR NATURE BRIDGE WHICH IS A

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1 NONPOLITICAL ORGANIZATION, BUT FOR MYSELF. I VALUE THE  
2 MAINTENANCE OF THIS DIVERSITY AS PLACES TO TEACH OUR YOUTH AND  
3 PROVIDE BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY AND THE EXPERIENCE OF  
4 SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN THE SHADOW OF BALLARD MOUNTAIN. I BEG  
5 YOU TO PASS THIS PROPOSAL FOR IT IS THE MOST BALANCED APPROACH  
6 FOR PROTECTING THIS ASSET THAT I HAVE SEEN IN THESE 40 YEARS.  
7 AND I THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NANCY HELSLEY?

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11 **NANCY HELSLEY:** I'M NANCY HELSLEY, A RESIDENT OF THE COLD CREEK  
12 AREA OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND A DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD  
13 OF THE MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST. THE TRUST IS PARTICULARLY  
14 PLEASED WITH THE CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENTS OF THIS  
15 PLAN. WE FIND IT TO BE A VERY FLEXIBLE AND WORKABLE DOCUMENT.  
16 AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORT COUNTY-WIDE, CITIZEN-  
17 WIDE IN BRINGING THIS TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. KIM LAMORIE?

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21 **KIM LAMORIE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M KIM LAMORIE AND  
22 I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION,  
23 REPRESENTING ALMOST 10,000 HOME, PROPERTY AND HORSE OWNERS IN  
24 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT  
25 THE L.C.P. AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL TODAY

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1 WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. FOR SEVEN YEARS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING  
2 WITH THE COUNTY TO BRING BALANCE, CONSISTENCY AND  
3 PREDICTABILITY TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE,  
4 AND THE L.C.P. REFLECTS THESE EFFORTS. IT LOCKS IN CRITICAL  
5 RESOURCE PROTECTIONS, SAFEGUARDS THE CHARACTER OF OUR MOUNTAIN  
6 COMMUNITIES, ENHANCES RECREATIONAL BENEFITS AND PUBLIC ACCESS  
7 FOR EVERYONE. IT ENSURES HORSE OWNERS AND OUR L.C.P.  
8 COMMUNITIES OF TOPANGA, MONTE NIDO, COLD CREEK AND MALIBU LAKE  
9 CAN THRIVE AND BRINGS THE PERMITTING AUTHORITY BACK TO THE  
10 COUNTY, RESTORING LOCAL CONTROL. WITHOUT THIS L.C.P., THE  
11 COASTAL COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE ITS CASE BY CASE AD HOC  
12 POLICY INTERPRETATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS. THIS FAILS  
13 HOMEOWNERS AND COASTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ALIKE. THE L.C.P.  
14 IS A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT THAT RESPECTS ALL STAKEHOLDERS'  
15 INTERESTS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KIM, I HAVE TO--

18

19 **KIM LAMORIE:** OKAY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:**-- CUT YOU OFF, BUT THANK YOU. IF YOU HAVE A  
22 PREPARED STATEMENT, WE'LL MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

23

24 **KIM LAMORIE:** YEAH, I'VE GOT IT. THAT'S GOOD.

25

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ROGER, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, LET ME CALL UP JOEL  
2   SCHULMAN, RUTH GERSON AND HAROLD HELSLEY. ROGER?

3

4   **ROGER PUGLIESE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
5   SUPERVISORS. FIRST LET ME SAY I AM A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF  
6   TOPANGA CANYON. I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION  
7   FOR SCENIC COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THIS PROPOSED L.C.P. IN ITS  
8   ENTIRETY. THE ORGANIZATION HAS AT PRESENT OVER 600 RESIDENTS,  
9   AND THEY ARE ALL IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS DOCUMENT. THE  
10   DOCUMENT WHICH HAS BEEN WORKED ON TIRELESSLY, AS YOU ALL KNOW,  
11   BY REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF, GINA NATOLI, BEN SALZMAN AND  
12   OTHERS. IT'S FAIR AND BALANCED. IT WILL PROTECT RESOURCES AS  
13   WELL AS PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE  
14   IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US, BOTH IN TOPANGA, OUT OF TOPANGA AND  
15   THE ENTIRE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. SO I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT  
16   THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, ROGER. JOEL SCHULMAN.

19

20   **JOEL SCHULMAN:** THANK YOU. I LIVE IN MALIBU, THREE MILES UP  
21   FROM THE OCEAN ON CORRAL CANYON ROAD. I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE  
22   POINT THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PLAN TO PASS, NOT JUST FOR  
23   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE, ALTHOUGH THANK YOU A LOT FOR  
24   THAT, BUT BECAUSE AT THE BOTTOM OF MY ROAD IS SOLSTICE CANYON  
25   PARK. AT THE TOP OF MY ROAD IS A MAJOR ACCESS WAY TO THE TRAIL

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1 SYSTEM. I'VE SEEN THE USE OF THIS AREA EXPLODE OVER THE LAST  
2 COUPLE OF DECADES. IT'S EXTREMELY CROWDED, WHICH IS A LITTLE  
3 INCONVENIENT FOR ME, BUT I'M ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED. IT IS A  
4 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF L.A.  
5 COUNTY AND BEYOND BECAUSE THE USE IS IMMENSE AND GROWING AND  
6 PEOPLE HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE CITY. AND THEY LOVE THE NATURE.  
7 AND THEY LOVE THE QUIET. AND THEY LOVE THE FLORA AND FAUNA. SO  
8 THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT; THIS IS FOR  
9 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT AND OTHERS. BUT  
10 I'D ALSO LIKE TO REASSURE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH THAT I  
11 ACTUALLY DID HAVE-- I'M A PRIVATE CITIZEN. I HAD INPUT INTO  
12 THIS PROCESS AND THEY PAID ATTENTION. IT WORKED WELL.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. RUTH GERSON.

15

16 **RUTH GERSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RUTH  
17 GERSON. I'M AN EQUESTRIAN AS SOME OF YOU KNOW AND I REPRESENT  
18 RECREATION AND EQUESTRIAN COALITION. AND WE WORKED WITH THE  
19 COUNTY AND WITH ZEV'S OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES, AND WE ARE IN  
20 SUPPORT OF THE L.C.P. AS AMENDED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, RUTH, VERY MUCH. AND FOR ALL OF  
23 YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS. YOU'VE BEEN  
24 A REAL TREASURE. YEAH.

25

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1   **HAROLD HELSLEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR.

2

3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON A SECOND, HAL. I WANT TO CALL THREE  
4   MORE PEOPLE. SHEILA GOLDNER, ROBERT HAHN, AND PATRICIA HEALY.  
5   AND BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING, HAL, I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE,  
6   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THIS IS HAL HELSLEY, WHO JUST RETIRED AS  
7   A MEMBER OF OUR PLANNING COMMISSION AFTER 13 YEARS. AND HE DID  
8   A GREAT JOB FOR US. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO  
9   HONOR YOU HERE NEXT MONTH. BUT I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS  
10  OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.

11

12   **HAROLD HELSLEY:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SERVED,  
13   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, AND COUNTY  
14   STAFF. IT'S NOT JUST SUPERVISORS, BUT COUNTY STAFF IS THE  
15   SUPPORT PEOPLE HERE. I'M HAL HELSLEY, I COME FROM COLD CREEK  
16   AND IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH COLD CREEK, IT'S ONE OF THE  
17   PRISTINE CANYONS THAT HAS BEEN VERY, VERY IMPORTANT IN THE  
18   SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THERE ARE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT GO  
19   THROUGH THERE THAT CARRY THE MESSAGE OF CONSERVATION AND  
20   COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO OVER 3,000 STUDENTS A YEAR IN THIS  
21   SMALL LITTLE CANYON. THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY THE  
22   PLANNING STAFF IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. IT'S A GREAT IMPROVEMENT  
23   OVER WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN A TWO-PART PROCESS THAT IS VERY  
24   CUMBERSOME AND VERY EXPENSIVE. AND THE COUNTY'S PROPOSAL IS  
25   ONE THAT IS OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN

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1 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE NATION  
2 BECAUSE IT'S THE SANTA MONICAS THAT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
3 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE EVERY YEAR TO GET OUT AND RECREATE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHEILA GOLDNER?

6

7 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** HI.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU START, CAN WE GET A FOURTH CHAIR  
10 UP THERE? I THOUGHT WE HAD FOUR CHAIRS. THERE IS.

11

12 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE L.C.P. AS AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** THANKS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PATRICIA HEALY?

19

20 **PATRICIA HEALY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I LIVE IN THE  
21 COASTAL ZONE. THE L.C.P. PROTECTS BOTH THE MOUNTAINS AND  
22 PROPERTY VALUES. AND FROM A LARGER PERSPECTIVE, THE SANTA  
23 MONICA MOUNTAINS IS A FINITE RESOURCE THAT NEEDS PROTECTION  
24 FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE SANTA MONICAS IS NOT ONLY THE  
25 LUNGS OF LOS ANGELES, PURIFYING OUR AIR, BUT MAKES L.A. A MORE



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1 LIVABLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL OF US. SO PLEASE ADOPT THE L.C.P.

2 TODAY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JOAN KAY?

5

6 **ROBERT HAHN:** GOT ROBERT HAHN THERE?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU ROBERT HAHN. I KNOW I CALLED YOUR

9 NAME. I SKIPPED YOU. ROBERT HAHN.

10

11 **ROBERT HAHN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR. SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: SORRY

12 ABOUT THAT. BEFORE YOU START, ROBERT, LET ME ASK JOAN KAY TO

13 COME FORWARD, WENDY PEDDICORD AND ROSI DAGIT. MR. HAHN, YOU'RE

14 ON.

15

16 **ROBERT HAHN:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR

17 SERVICE BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, I WANTED TO SAY THAT. I HAVE

18 LIVED IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS IN TOPANGA FOR 34 YEARS,

19 BEEN A MEMBER OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY. I URGE YOU, THERE'S

20 BEEN SO MUCH WORK, GOOD WORK, SOLID WORK DONE ON THIS PROPOSAL

21 TO PLEASE PASS THE L.C.P. WE NEED IT. WE NEED IT REALLY BAD.

22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS, MR. HAHN. JOAN KAY?

25

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1    **JOAN KAY:** MY NAME IS JOAN KAY AND I LIVE IN MONTE NIDO. I'M A  
2    MEMBER OF THE HORSE COMMUNITY AND I SUPPORT THE LOCAL COASTAL  
3    PROGRAM FULLY AND URGE ALL OF YOU TO PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT  
4    IT'S A GOOD THING, NOT A BAD THING. I'VE LIVED IN MONTE NIDO  
5    FOR 53 YEARS. IN THESE YEARS, I'VE SEEN MUCH OF NATURE LOST.  
6    JUST PASSED QUIETLY AWAY OUT OF THE PICTURE. MY FAMILY AND I  
7    USED TO GO TO DINNER IN WOODLAND HILLS AND COME BACK OVER COLD  
8    CANYON, AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY CARS ON COLD CANYON, BUT  
9    THERE WOULD BE COYOTE, FOX, BOBCAT, COUGAR. AT HOME IN BED, WE  
10   MARVELED AT THE MARVEL OF MARVELS, THE CATERWAULING OF THE  
11   GREAT LION. ONCE HEARD, YOU NEVER FORGET IT, IT NEVER GETS OUT  
12   OF YOUR BLOOD. I WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES TO VISIT OUR  
13   PARK LANDS. GO THERE. MAYBE IF YOU'RE VERY LUCKY, YOU WILL  
14   HEAR CATERWAULING OF THE GREAT CAT SCREAM, AND YOU'LL REMEMBER  
15   IT FOREVER. YOU'LL BE REMINDED OF YOUR PLACE IN NATURE.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WENDY PEDDICORD?

18

19   **WENDY PEDDICORD:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS WENDY PEDDICORD AND  
20   I'M FROM CALABASAS. I'VE LIVED THERE SINCE 1975. I'VE WORKED  
21   FOR STATE PARKS AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA, AND  
22   I AM SO PROUD AND PLEASED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO SPEAK UP  
23   FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT, VERY IMPORTANT L.C.P. SO I AM IN 100  
24   PERCENT SUPPORT. AND I HOPE THAT EVERYBODY WILL CONSIDER HOW

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1     IMPORTANT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS ARE TO EVERYONE IN THE  
2     AREA. THANK YOU.

3

4     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WENDY. ROSI DAGIT?  
5     BEFORE YOU START, ROSY, LET ME CALL UP MELANIE BECK, TOBY  
6     KEELER, AND EMMA WILBY. ROSI?

7

8     **ROSI DAGIT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE  
9     OPPORTUNITY TO COME AND SPEAK WITH THIS THIS MORNING. MY NAME  
10    IS ROSI DAGIT. I'M A SENIOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST FOR THE  
11    RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS.  
12    THE R.C.D. HAS BEEN A PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY, WORKING FOR  
13    MANY YEARS. WE'VE SEEN ALL THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT AND  
14    TREMENDOUS OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC, TO OTHER N.G.O.S TO  
15    EVERYONE THAT THEY COULD FIND TO GET INPUT ON THIS PLAN. AND I  
16    AM REALLY IMPRESSED WITH ARTICULATION OF A VISION FOR THE  
17    COUNTY'S COASTAL RESOURCES FOR 50 YEARS, 100 YEARS INTO THE  
18    FUTURE. THAT'S WHAT PLANNING IS ABOUT. SO WE URGE THAT THE  
19    SUPERVISORS ADOPT THIS PLAN, AND WE SUPPORT ALL THE EFFORT AND  
20    COMMEND THE COUNTY STAFF IN PARTICULAR FOR A TREMENDOUS JOB  
21    WELL DONE.

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, ROSI. MELANIE BECK?

24

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1 **MELANIE BECK:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF  
2 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE THIS MORNING, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
3 NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. WE FIND THE L.C.P. LARGELY  
4 CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL PARK MANAGEMENT GOALS AND STRATEGIES.  
5 L.C.P. JURISDICTION LIES COMPLETELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE  
6 NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. N.P.S. OWNS SEVERAL PARKLAND SITES  
7 WITHIN THIS AREA. OUR ACTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO COASTAL  
8 COMMISSION CERTIFICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL COASTAL ZONE  
9 MANAGEMENT ACT. COASTAL USED THIS L.C.P. TO EVALUATE THE  
10 CONSISTENCY OF OUR ACTIONS FOR COASTAL RESOURCE PROTECTION. TO  
11 THAT END, THE L.C.P. PROVIDES A STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE  
12 FRAMEWORK AND IS AN N.P.S. COMPATIBLE STANDARD UNDER WHICH TO  
13 OPERATE. WE WELCOME THE POLICIES ON PARK- LAND SETBACKS, THE  
14 TAILORING OF HABIT PROTECTION AND THE FIRM DIRECTION TOWARD  
15 PRESERVING INTACT NATIVE HABITAT AND THE STRONG TRAILS AND  
16 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. TODAY, WE FIND THE PLAN EMBODIES  
17 THE COOPERATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROLE THAT CONGRESS ENVISIONED  
18 TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA IN A  
19 MIXED PUBLIC PRIVATE LAND OWNERSHIP SETTING. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. TOBY KEELER?

22  
23 **TOBY KEELER:** GOOD MORNING HONORABLE, MY NAME IS TOBY KEELER  
24 AND I LIVE IN OLD TOPANGA. THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN BEFORE YOU  
25 TODAY IS BASED ON A JOINT SCIENTIFIC EFFORT OF THE COUNTY AND

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1 COASTAL COMMISSION WHICH PROVIDES A LEVEL OF OVERALL  
2 PROTECTION TO HABITATS AND WATER QUALITY, AND RESTRICTS  
3 DEVELOPMENT IN CRITICAL VIEW SHED AREAS BELOW OUR BELOVED  
4 MOUNTAINS, PRESERVING THE DARK SKIES WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE  
5 L.C.P. AREA. DRIVING THROUGH OUR MOUNTAINS ON A MOONLESS  
6 NIGHT, MANY ARE AMAZED BY THE PITCH BLACK SKIES. ONE CAN SEE  
7 STARS AND ON A CRYSTAL CLEAR NIGHT THE MILKY WAY IS VISIBLE TO  
8 THE NAKED EYE. THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. AND THIS LOCAL  
9 COASTAL PLAN WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THE DARK SKIES OVER THE  
10 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL REMAIN SO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS  
11 TO COME. PLEASE SUPPORT THE L.C.P. WITH YOUR YES VOTE. THANK  
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BEFORE EMMA SPEAKS, LET ME CALL  
15 UP THE NEXT THREE PEOPLE. JOAN SLIMOCOSKY, CYNTHIA MAXWELL AND  
16 JESS THOMAS. YOU'RE ON, EMMA.

17

18 **EMMA WILBY:** MY NAME IS EMMA WILBY AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE  
19 CALABASAS AREA. I'VE BEEN THERE FOR 40 YEARS. I WAS VERY  
20 IMPRESSED WITH THE SCOPE OF THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AND WITH  
21 THE THOROUGH DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. IT WAS A LOT  
22 OF HEAVY READING. I THINK THE SIMPLIFICATION AND  
23 CLARIFICATIONS OF THE PERMIT PROCESS FOR EVERYONE IS  
24 IMPORTANT. AND I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THIS PLAN TODAY. THANK  
25 YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JOAN SLIMOCOSKY?

3

4 **JOAN SLIMOCOSKY:** YES. MY NAME IS JOAN SLIMOCOSKY. I LIVE IN  
5 MONTE NIDO.. I AM CURRENTLY VICE PRESIDENT OF THE MONTE NIDO  
6 VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. AND OUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY  
7 APPROVED THE ADOPTION OF THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN PROGRAM. LIKE  
8 ALL CITIZENS, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY ENDEAVOR REQUIRES PRIMARILY  
9 TWO THINGS: THAT YOU KNOW THE RULES, AND THAT YOU BELIEVE THE  
10 RULES ARE FAIR. THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU REPRESENTS SO MUCH  
11 EFFORT AND DIVERSE INPUT OVER SO MANY YEARS, VALIDATES THESE  
12 REQUIREMENTS. IT'S GOING TO PROTECT OUR IRREPLACEABLE  
13 RESOURCES. IT'S GOING TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT RULES THAT DON'T  
14 CURRENTLY EXIST. AND THESE RULES WILL PASS THE FAIRNESS LITMUS  
15 TEST. THE MONTE NIDO VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION URGES YOU TO  
16 ADOPT THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. CYNTHIA MAXWELL?

19

20 **CYNTHIA MAXWELL:** HELLO, CYNTHIA MAXWELL, I'M ON THE BOARD OF  
21 SAVE OPEN SPACE. AND WE SUPPORT THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AS IT'S  
22 WRITTEN. THE L.C.P. AREA HOSTS THE NATIONAL PARK, THE SANTA  
23 MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND THE MALIBU CREEK  
24 WATERSHED AS ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS. CALIFORNIA LAW MANDATES  
25 PROTECTING THIS WATERSHED AND COAST. ACCORDING TO STATE PUBLIC

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1 RESOURCES IN SECTION 3301, THIS LEGISLATURE HEREBY FINDS AND  
2 DECLARES THAT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN ZONE AS DEFINED IN  
3 THAT SECTION IS A UNIQUE AND VALUABLE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL,  
4 AGRICULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL  
5 RESOURCE WHICH SHOULD BE HELD IN TRUST FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE  
6 GENERATIONS. THAT IS THE LARGEST, AS THE LAST UNDEVELOPED AREA  
7 CONTIGUOUS TO THE SHORELINE WITHIN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES  
8 METROPOLITAN REGION COMPRISED OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA  
9 COUNTY, IT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL RELIEF FROM THE URBAN  
10 ENVIRONMENT AND IT EXISTS AS A SINGLE ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH  
11 CHANGES THAT AFFECT ONE PARK MAY ALSO AFFECT OTHER PARKS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

14

15 **CYNTHIA MAXWELL:** PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THIS RESOURCE  
16 IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MS. MAXWELL. JESS THOMAS, BEFORE  
19 YOU START, JESS, LET ME ASK THE NEXT THREE PEOPLE. STAN  
20 LAMPORT, GARY ROLLER, LINDA THOMPSON.

21

22 **JESS THOMAS:** I'M JESS THOMAS. SOME 30 YEARS AGO PRIOR TO THE  
23 COASTAL ZONE ENACTMENT, I WAS IN ESCROW ON SOME LAND ZONED  
24 INDUSTRIAL WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. LONG STORY REAL  
25 SHORT, ON A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE LAND WAS



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1 DOWNZONED TO A1, WHICH WAS A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME. IN AN  
2 EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE REASONING BEHIND THE COUNTY  
3 ATTEMPTING TO DO THAT, I BECAME A PRETTY STRICT  
4 CONSERVATIONIST. AND AS PRESIDENT OF-- PAST PRESIDENT OF THE  
5 LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION, I URGE YOU TO CONTINUE  
6 THAT REASONING AND ENACT THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY. THANK  
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, JESS. STAN LAMPORT?

10

11 **STANLEY LAMPORT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE A LETTER  
12 THAT I'VE SUBMITTED THIS MORNING AND I KNOW THAT-- THERE YOU  
13 GO. I JUST LOST NINE SECONDS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** START HIS TIME OVER.

16

17 **STANLEY LAMPORT:** THANK YOU. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF PAN  
18 PACIFIC REALTY WITH A VERY SPECIFIC CONCERN. THIS IS A  
19 PROPERTY OWNER WHO WILL BE SUBJECT TO THIS PLAN. THEY'VE SPENT  
20 YEARS AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS GETTING PLOT PLAN  
21 APPROVALS, OAK TREE PERMITS AND ALL THE OTHER REVIEWS IN ORDER  
22 TO BE ABLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION.  
23 I CAN TELL YOU AS SOMEONE WHO PRACTICES BEFORE THE COASTAL  
24 COMMISSION THROUGHOUT THE STATE, IT CAN TAKE UP TO A YEAR TO  
25 COMPLETE AN APPLICATION WITH THE COMMISSION. SO THE IDEA THAT

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1 WE'D BE ABLE TO GET THAT ACCOMPLISHED BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME  
2 THE PLAN IS CERTIFIED IS VERY DIFFICULT. THEY'RE ASKING THOSE  
3 APPROVALS BE GRANDFATHERED UNDER THE EXISTING STANDARDS,  
4 EITHER UNDER THE L.C.P. OR THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE AN  
5 APPLICATION AND HAVE THAT REVIEWED AT THE COASTAL COMMISSION  
6 BASED ON THE CURRENT APPROVALS THAT THEY HAVE FROM THE COUNTY  
7 NOW. I KNOW THIS CAN BE DONE LEGALLY. I'VE SEEN IT DONE IN  
8 OTHER L.C.P.S. AND IT WOULD BE JUST LIKE THE GRANDFATHER  
9 CLAUSE NOW THAT SAYS IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION, YOU  
10 CAN CONTINUE. YOU WOULD JUST ADD LANGUAGE THAT SAYS AND YOU  
11 CAN COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND CONTINUE. AND THAT'S WHAT  
12 WE'RE ASKING FOR HERE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. ROLLER?

15

16 **GARY ROLLER:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, YOU WANT TO JUST ANSWER  
19 THAT QUESTION? ELAINE, DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S GOING TO COME UP A COUPLE MORE THINGS  
24 BECAUSE THE SAME PROPERTY OWNER IS REPRESENTED BY MULTIPLE  
25 PEOPLE. AND WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUT THIS OUT.

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1

2 **COUNSEL:** BASICALLY I DISAGREE WITH MR. LAMPORT. I THINK WE'RE  
3 LIMITED ON WHAT WE CAN GRANDFATHER IN BASED ON STATE LAW. THE  
4 COASTAL ACT IS ONCE THIS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM IS CERTIFIED,  
5 EVEN IF YOU HAVE AN APPLICATION BEFORE THE COASTAL COMMISSION  
6 AND I BELIEVE THE PLAN WILL ALLOW SOMEBODY TO CONTINUE  
7 PROCESSING WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION, THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
8 REQUIRED TO APPLY THIS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM. SO I BELIEVE THE  
9 PLAN NOW GRANDFATHERS AS FAR AS WE CAN LEGALLY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WE HAVE GRANDFATHERED A LOT OF THINGS IN  
12 THIS PLAN IN ORDER TO BE AS FAIR AS WE COULD TO PEOPLE, BUT WE  
13 CAN'T GO BEYOND WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES, AND THAT'S BEEN THE  
14 ADVICE YOU'VE GIVEN RICHARD AND US AND EVERYBODY ELSE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO  
19 DEFEND THIS.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN IT'S COMING TO US, RIGHT?

24

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS A LOCAL COASTAL PLAN. IT'S NOT A  
2   COUNTY GENERAL PLAN. OR COUNTY PLAN AMENDMENT. IT IS A LOCAL  
3   COASTAL PLAN. SO WE'VE GOT TO COMPLY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WITH  
4   THE COASTAL ACT, CORRECT?

5

6   **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE COASTAL ACT. EVEN IF IT'S  
7   COMING BEFORE YOU, YOU HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE COASTAL ACT.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE JUST NOT IN THE POSITION TO DO IT. I  
10   DON'T WANT TO GET INTO WHO THE CLIENT IS, BUT HOPEFULLY IT  
11   WILL ALL GET RESOLVED SOON IN ANOTHER WAY. THAT'S MY HOPE.  
12   THAT THIS WILL BE A MOOT ISSUE FOR THEM. BUT THAT'S NEITHER  
13   HERE NOR THERE. IT MAY NOT BECOME A MOOT ISSUE. BUT ANYBODY  
14   WHO'S IN THE SAME SITUATION IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE TREATED IN  
15   THE SAME WAY UNDER STATE LAW. OKAY. GARY ROLLER.

16

17   **GARY ROLLER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
18   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GARY H. ROLLER, REGISTERED LANDSCAPE  
19   ARCHITECT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND I'M A DELEGATE TO THE  
20   LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS FOUNDATION. WE HAVE TO GET FULL  
21   CONSIDERATION TO THE PAST AND PRESENT TIME ON WHY THE LOCAL  
22   COAST PLAN IS SO IMPORTANT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FUTURE.  
23   PRESENTLY THE LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION AND THE  
24   CITIES OF CALABASAS, AGOURA HILLS AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE ARE  
25   SERIOUSLY TRYING TO SAVE PRISTINE NATIVE OAK TREES, COASTAL

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1 ZONE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES IN THE SANTA MONICA  
2 MOUNTAINS. ONLY YOU ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE THE  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN RANGE TODAY.  
4 AND I IMPORE YOU TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL COAST PLAN BEFORE IT'S  
5 TOO LATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. ROLLER. LINDA, BEFORE YOU  
8 START, MARY ELLEN STROTE, MARSHALL HERSKOVITZ AND DOROTHY  
9 REIK. MS. THOMPSON?

10

11 **LINDA THOMPSON:** LINDA THOMPSON. I LIVE IN CALABASAS. I AM AN  
12 ARDENT SUPPORTER OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS. AND I AM SO  
13 PLEASED AFTER LOOKING THROUGH THIS DOCUMENT TO SEE HOW CLEAR  
14 AND SIMPLE AND ACROSS-THE-BOARD EVERYONE WOULD BE. IT WOULD BE  
15 AN EASY THING TO FOLLOW IF I WERE BUYING PROPERTY, I WOULD BE  
16 VERY HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THIS DOCUMENT TO LOOK AT WITHOUT  
17 ANY COULD SAY KAFKAESQUE ATTRIBUTES. IT'S RIGHT UP THE WAY I  
18 THINK PEOPLE WOULD-- SORRY, I'M VERY PLEASED TODAY SAY THAT  
19 THIS WOULD BE THE BEST THING FOR ANYBODY BUYING PROPERTY AND  
20 BUILDING IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MARY ELLEN STROTE?

23

24 **MARY ELLEN STROTE:** YES, I REPRESENT THE COLD CREEK COMMUNITY  
25 COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES 250 HOUSEHOLDS, MOST THEM WITHIN THE

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1 L.C.P. OUR COUNCIL STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE L.C.P., NOT LEAST  
2 BECAUSE IT STREAMLINES THE CURRENT CUMBERSOME AND EXPENSIVE  
3 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. WHICH SOMETIMES REQUIRES APPLICANTS TO  
4 TRAVEL HUNDREDS OF MILES TO BE HEARD. WE WELCOME THIS  
5 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES WHILE PROMOTING  
6 EFFICIENCY AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. IS MARSHAL HERSKOWITZ HERE? OKAY,  
9 WE'LL PASS ON HIM. DOROTHY, BEFORE YOU START, I'M GOING TO  
10 CALL PATRICIA HENKEL, WARREN WILLIG AND JEANNE WALLACE.  
11 DOROTHY?

12

13 **DOROTHY REIK:** MY NAME IS DOROTHY REIK. I LIVE IN TOPANGA. I'VE  
14 BEEN LIVING IN TOPANGA FOR 43 YEARS AND I VERY STRONGLY  
15 SUPPORT THIS LOCAL COASTAL PLAN. FROM MY HOME, I CAN SEE A LOT  
16 OF THE TERRITORY THIS LOCAL COASTAL PLAN COVERS. PEOPLE COME  
17 UP AND DRIVE ON MY ROAD. THEY RIDE THEIR BIKES ON MY ROAD.  
18 THEY WALK ON MY ROAD. AND THEY ALL COME UP TO SEE THE BEAUTY  
19 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND ANY MORE CONSTRUCTION UP  
20 THERE OR UNCONTROLLED CONSTRUCTION WILL BE A DISASTER. THIS  
21 PLAN WILL ALLOW CONSTRUCTION. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BUILD  
22 A HOUSE UP ON MY ROAD AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IF I WOULDN'T  
23 HAVE HAD TO GO TO THE COUNTY AND THE COASTAL COMMISSION, MY  
24 LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT EASIER. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH--  
25 HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. THIS IS FOR POSTERITY. IT ISN'T JUST

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1 FOR US. IT'S FOR EVERYBODY WHO COMES, THE BIKE RIDERS THE  
2 MOTORCYCLE RIDERS, THE CAR RIDERS, AT THE LOOKOUT THAT YOU PUT  
3 ON SADDLE PEAK, THAT IS JAMMED. EVERY NIGHT WHEN I COME HOME,  
4 THE CARS ARE THERE, DAY AND NIGHT. WATCHING OVER NOT JUST OUT  
5 AT THE OCEAN, BUT THEY'RE WATCHING OVER TO THE VALLEY AND  
6 THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE MOUNTAINS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DOROTHY. I'VE BEEN TO YOUR HOME  
9 AND I BURNED OUT A SET OF BRAKES GETTING DOWN FROM THERE. IT'S  
10 A BEAUTIFUL SPOT. PATRICIA HENKEL

11

12 **PAT HENKEL:** MY NAME IS PAT HENKEL. I'M TRYING NOT TO GET  
13 EMOTIONAL BUT THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME. MAY I AT THIS PARTICULAR  
14 TIME ASK THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE L.C.P. TO STAND  
15 UP IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, SIR?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

18

19 **PATRICIA HENKEL:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **PATRICIA HENKEL:** I'VE LIVED IN MALIBU LAKE, AND I HAVE ALSO  
24 HAD MY HOME BUILT, AND I ALSO HAD TO GO THROUGH FOUR YEARS OF  
25 GETTING IT BUILT. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE IN COASTAL. I'M



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1 SORRY ABOUT THAT. WE, I AM ACTIVE ON OUR BOARD. I AM IN-- OUR  
2 HOMEOWNERS' AT MALIBU LAKESIDE SUPPORT THE L.C.P. TO BE PASSED  
3 TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED AND WE HAVE BEEN INPUT. WE WANT  
4 TO PROTECT WHAT WE HAVE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND  
5 HOPEFULLY YOU WILL FEEL THE SAME WAY THAT WE DO, BY GOING AND  
6 PASSING THIS FOR US TODAY. SO WE ALL HAVE NOT ONLY TODAY, WE  
7 WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND LOVE IT, BUT  
8 THE FUTURE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, PAT. APPRECIATE IT. WARREN  
11 WILLIG?

12

13 **WARREN WILLIG:** THANK YOU. I'M A RESIDENT OF LITTLE CANYON AND  
14 I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THIS MODIFICATION TO THE  
15 LOCAL PLANNING REGIME. I HAVE A LARGE CREEK ON MY PROPERTY. I  
16 OWN BOTH BANKS. AND I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WITH THE CONTINUED  
17 CLEARING OF LAND UPSTREAM FOR VINEYARDS, THAT WHEN IS THIS  
18 GOING TO STOP? BECAUSE WHEN WE DO GET RAIN, AND WE OFTEN GET  
19 PLENTY OF RAIN IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, UP TO AN INCH A  
20 DAY FOR 30 DAYS, THE FLOODING GOES OVER THE COUNTY BRIDGE AND  
21 IT ALSO TAKES OUT THE BANKS ON MY CREEK. SO THIS IS A REAL  
22 CONCERN. AND WE'VE SEEN OF MORE FLOW RECENTLY WITH ALL THIS  
23 CLEARING. IT'S LIKE PUTTING A PARKING LOT UPSTREAM OF US. SO I  
24 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
25 CONSIDERING THIS. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JEANNE WALLACE? BEFORE  
3 YOU START, LOUIS HOOK. RONALD SEMLER AND NONA GREEN? JEANNE?

4

5 **JEANNE WALLACE:** I'M JEANNE WALLACE. I LIVE IN THE COLD CREEK  
6 AREA. I'M A HORSE OWNER AND I SUPPORT THE L.C.P., BUT I'M HERE  
7 TODAY AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
8 TRAILS COUNCIL, AND OUR BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE  
9 L.C.P. AS WRITTEN. AND I'M SO EXCITED MYSELF PERSONALLY TO GET  
10 TO DEAL WITH THE COUNTY AGAIN, IF POSSIBLE, AND PEOPLE LIKE  
11 GINA NATOLI. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, JEANNE. LOUIS HOOK.

14

15 **LOUIS HOOK:** YES, I'M LOUIS HOOK. I'M A BOARD CHAIR OF THE  
16 COMPTON JUNIOR POSSE YOUTH EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM. WE ACTUALLY ARE  
17 LOCATED IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. WE'RE ONE OF  
18 THE FEW GROUPS NOT IN THE MOUNTAINS, BUT THE VIABILITY OF THE  
19 HORSE COMMUNITY IN THE MOUNTAINS THERE IS CRITICAL TO US. IT'S  
20 AN OUTLET FOR OUR KIDS. AND WE SUPPORT THE L.C.P. BECAUSE IT  
21 SUPPORTS THE VIABILITY OF THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. RON SEMLER.

24

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1   **RONALD SEMLER:** YES, MY NAME IS RON SEMLER. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
2   MALIBU. HAVE BEEN FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. I OPPOSE THE L.C.P.  
3   AND I WANT TO CLARIFY. THERE ARE SOME GOOD PARTS OF THE L.C.P.  
4   AND THERE ARE SOME OTHER PARTS THAT I BELIEVE NEED TO BE  
5   LOOKED AT. AND THERE ARE TOO MANY ISSUES AND THE PERIOD OF  
6   TIME WHICH IT BECAME PUBLIC IN WHICH WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY  
7   AT LOOKING AT IT IS A LITTLE MORE THAN 30 DAYS FOR AN 800-PAGE  
8   DOCUMENT, IT'S A LITTLE BIT OVERREACHING. THE ONE AREA WHICH I  
9   THINK IS ABSOLUTELY NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT IS THE AGRICULTURAL  
10  USES, THE TOTAL PROHIBITION OF AGRICULTURE IN THIS AREA  
11  BECAUSE I THINK IT'S DETRIMENTAL. WE ARE A NATIONAL RECREATION  
12  AREA. WE ARE A VISITORS-SERVING AREA. AND BY ELIMINATING ANY  
13  OF THESE AGRICULTURAL USES, AND PARTICULARLY THE VINEYARDS,  
14  YOU WILL ELIMINATE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF IT. THE AREA IN  
15  MALIBU HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ANOTHER NAPA. AND I MIGHT  
16  MENTION TO THE GENERALLY POOR THAT IF YOU PUT IN A VINEYARD,  
17  YOU'RE NOT CLEARING LAND, AND THERE SHOULD BE NO SOIL MOVED.  
18  YOU CLEAR THE SHRUBS AND THE BRUSH. SO I VERY MUCH OPPOSE IT.  
19  I THINK IT ALSO IS CONTRARY TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT. AND  
20  THERE ARE SEVERAL SECTIONS. AND I JUST BELIEVE THAT IF  
21  ANYTHING, THERE SHOULD BE SOME MORE TIME WHERE CERTAIN  
22  PORTIONS OF THIS ACT NEED TO BE LOOKED AT AND REVIEWED BECAUSE  
23  I THINK IT'S TOO ARBITRARY AND SPECIFIC IN THOSE PARTICULAR  
24  AREAS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST SAY THE  
2   PROHIBITION IS PROSPECTIVE, NOT RETROACTIVE. SO FIRST OF ALL  
3   YOUR VINEYARDS ARE NOT IN THE COASTAL ZONES.

4

5   **RONALD SEMLER:** CORRECT.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 99 PERCENT OF YOUR VINEYARDS ARE IN THE  
8   NORTH AREA PLAN WHICH DOES PERMIT VINEYARDS, AND NEW VINEYARDS  
9   AS WELL, SO YOU'RE NOT IMPACTED, AT LEAST ON THE PROPERTIES  
10  THAT I'M AWARE YOU HAVE. YOU'RE NOT IMPACTED BY THIS.

11

12  **RONALD SEMLER:** I DO KNOW THAT.

13

14  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE MORE GENERIC, I UNDERSTAND THAT.  
15  AND I'M SYMPATHETIC. THE PROBLEM IS: YOU COULD MAKE THIS CASE  
16  TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION WHEN THIS GETS TO THE COASTAL  
17  COMMISSION AND SEE HOW THEY RESPOND. I WOULD LIKE, YOU KNOW,  
18  NOTHING BETTER THAN TO FIND A MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN THE WINE  
19  GROWERS AND THE SCIENCE THAT IS MAKING IT VERY CLEAR THAT WE  
20  HAVE A PROBLEM. AND IT'S NOT JUST IN THE OCEANS. WE HAVE A  
21  PENDING CASE, I BELIEVE IT'S STILL PENDING, RICHARD, BEFORE  
22  YOUR PLANNING COMMISSION, ABOUT ONE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S  
23  CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THE PESTICIDES HAVE HAD ON  
24  THEM. SO IT'S A SERIOUS ISSUE, BUT THIS IS NOT-- THIS IS  
25  CONSISTENT WITH WHAT COASTAL IS DOING NOW. IF WE DID NOT

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1 APPROVE THIS PLAN, YOU COULD NOT PLANT A NEW VINEYARD LEGALLY  
2 IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PORTION OF THE COASTAL ZONE. BUT  
3 YOU CAN MAKE THIS CASE TO COASTAL, TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION  
4 WHEN IT GETS THERE AND SEE HOW THEY RESPOND.

5

6 **RONALD SEMLER:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT EVEN THE COUNTY NEEDS TO TAKE  
7 THE POSITION THAT THEY DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND NOT NECESSARILY  
8 WHAT THE COASTAL PLAN DICTATES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS A COASTAL PLAN THAT'S  
11 DEAD ON ARRIVAL WHEN IT GETS TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION,  
12 BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS AT STAKE HERE IN ADDITION TO  
13 VINEYARDS. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR POINT OF VIEW. YOU HAVE A  
14 GOOD PRODUCT OUT THERE.

15

16 **RONALD SEMLER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NONA? ARE YOU NONA? BEFORE  
17 YOU START, DONALD WALLACE? PAUL EDELMAN AND DON SCHMITZ. MS.  
18 GREEN?

19

20 **NONA GREEN:** I USED TO BE WEALTHY UNTIL I ADOPTED HORSES.  
21 [LAUGHTER.] WE THE HORSE OWNERS COLLECTIVELY SUPPORT THE LOCAL  
22 ECONOMY FROM SHOE COBBLERS AND DRY CLEANERS, TO DRY GOODS AND  
23 CONTRACTORS. I SUPPORT THE L.C.P. BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WILL  
24 PRESERVE THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR EQUESTRIAN USE. I'D  
25 LIKE TO MAKE A POINT ABOUT VINEYARDS. I DON'T THINK IT'S OKAY

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1 THAT PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLEAR-CUT  
2 WILDLIFE HABITAT SO THAT WHEN THE AQUIFERS AND STREAMS ARE  
3 SUCKED DRY AND CAN'T BUY WATER IF YOU WANTED TO, WE WON'T BE  
4 LEFT WITH BARREN HILLSIDES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DON SCHMITZ?

7

8 **DON SCHMITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DON  
9 SCHMITZ. I'M ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MALIBU CHAMBER  
10 OF COMMERCE. FIRST A MILLION THANKS TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
11 HIS DEPUTIES AND STAFF FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THEY DID. WE  
12 DO HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS, HOWEVER, AS PERTAINS TO AGRICULTURE IN  
13 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE WINE INDUSTRY IS HUGE FOR OUR  
14 CHAMBER AND FOR OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, NOT JUST THE GROWERS AND  
15 THE PRODUCERS BUT FOR THE WINE TOURISTS INDUSTRY. SUPERVISOR,  
16 YOU SAID SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING. WE NEED TO FOLLOW THE  
17 COASTAL ACT. WE CONCUR. WE DO. YOU'VE BEEN REITERATING WHAT  
18 STAFF HAS BEEN TELLING YOU THEY CAN'T BE PERMITTED; THEY ARE  
19 PERMITTED. AND IN FACT, SUPERVISORS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO HAVE  
20 YOUR STAFF READ THESE SECTIONS: 30241, 30241.5 AND 30242 OF  
21 THE COASTAL ACT WHICH MANDATE THAT YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING  
22 EXCEPT PRESERVE PRIME AGRICULTURAL AREA. WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO  
23 GETTING AN A.B.A. FOR THE ENTIRE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THIS  
24 IS A CRUCIAL, CRUCIAL ISSUE FOR US. PLEASE DO NOT DO AWAY WITH  
25 AGRICULTURE.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DON. DON WALLACE?

3

4 **DONALD WALLACE:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY

5 NAME IS DON WALLACE. I LIVE IN COLD CREEK IN THE SANTA MONICA

6 MOUNTAINS, A TRIBUTARY CANYON OF THE MALIBU CANYON COMPLEX.

7 I'VE BEEN THERE FOR 42 YEARS, AND I MOVED MY HORSES ONTO MY

8 PROPERTY IN 1972. AND I COMPLETED MY HORSE FACILITIES PRIOR TO

9 THE COASTAL ACT. I HAVE HAD A NIGHTMARE. FIRST, I COLLECTED

10 SIGNATURES FOR THE COASTAL ACT WHEN IT WAS-- IN 1972. AND THEN

11 IN 1976 I WENT TO THE CALIFORNIA-- TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES

12 COMMITTEE UP IN SACRAMENTO AND ASKED THEM TO EXTEND THE

13 BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE FIVE MILES INLAND SO THAT IT WOULD PROTECT

14 ME AND MY NEIGHBORS. I'M GRATEFUL THAT MY COMMUNITY DOES NOT

15 LOOK LIKE THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS, AND THAT IS BECAUSE OF THE

16 COASTAL COMMISSION. BUT THE COASTAL COMMISSION HAS GONE CRAZY

17 IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND I'M SO GRATEFUL TO COUNTY STAFF AND

18 TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THIS DOCUMENT.

19 IT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS HERE IN THE COUNTY SINCE 1991.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS, DON.

22

23 **DONALD WALLACE:** I SUPPORT IT.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. PAUL, BEFORE YOU START, MERTON  
2   DAVIES, ROBERT PALMER AND VICKY NORWOOD, COME ON DOWN. (OFF  
3   MIC. COMMENT) .  
4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WE DON'T CEDE TIME, BUT THANK YOU. SO  
6   VICKY NORWOOD? AND HOLLY KESSLER. PAUL?  
7

8   **PAUL EDELMAN:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M PAUL EDELMAN. I'M A  
9   DEPUTY DIRECTOR WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY,  
10   AND AS THE PRINCIPAL STATE PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE SANTA  
11   MONICA MOUNTAINS, THE CONSERVANCY SUPPORTS THE PLAN AS  
12   AMENDED. THE PLAN EXCELLENTLY GUIDES THE SITING OF DEVELOPMENT  
13   BOTH FOR PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES AND FOR PRIVATE  
14   DEVELOPMENT AND PRIVATE LAND. IT CLARIFIES PLANNING, AND IT  
15   WILL REDUCE COSTS BOTH FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES AND FOR PRIVATE  
16   DEVELOPERS AND THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL JUST BE A  
17   BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYBODY FOR ALL TIME TO COME. THANK YOU.  
18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MERTON DAVIES?  
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21   **MERTON DAVIES:** I'M A REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY IN CALABASAS. ALSO A  
22   24-YEAR RESIDENT OF MALIBU CANYON AREA. I'M JUST HERE SPEAKING  
23   ON MY OWN BEHALF, NOT ON BEHALF OF ANYBODY ELSE. BUT THE  
24   QUESTION HAS COME UP AS TO WHETHER THERE WAS COMMUNITY  
25   PARTICIPATION AND WHETHER THERE'S BEEN PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND I

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1 CAN SAY THAT I WAS AT THE-- I REVIEWED THE ACT WHEN IT WAS  
2 ORIGINALLY PROPOSED AND I ATTENDED THE DIFFERENT COMMUNITY  
3 WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC WORKSHOPS THAT WERE HELD. STAFF DID A  
4 TREMENDOUS JOB. WE WERE DOZENS OF PEOPLE, WE WERE BROKEN INTO  
5 GROUPS TO DISCUSS IT. WE GAVE COMMENTS. AND I NEVER EXPECTED  
6 ANYTHING TO COME OF THAT. BUT IT'S REMARKABLE. I READ THE ACT  
7 AGAIN IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING. AND THERE ARE  
8 INCREDIBLE CHANGES. THE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN  
9 ACCEPTED IN MANY RESPECTS. IT DESERVES THE SUPPORT OF THE  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND COMMEND THE  
11 STAFF AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR ALL THAT'S BEEN DONE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VICKY NORWOOD?

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15 **VICKY NORWOOD:** HELLO. I'VE LIVED IN TOPANGA FOR 35 YEARS AND I  
16 HAVE HORSES AND I LIKE THE PLAN A LOT AND I HOPE IT PASSES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOLLY, BEFORE YOU  
19 START, KATHERINE PEASE? DEBORAH RICHARDS AND KATHLEEN TRUMAN?  
20 MS. KESSLER?

21

22 **HOLLY KESSLER:** I'M A RESIDENT OF--

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

25

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1 **HOLLY KESSLER:** I'M SORRY. I'M HOLLY KESSLER. AND I'M A  
2 RESIDENT OF THE COLD CREEK COMMUNITY AND A HORSE OWNER AND A  
3 PROPERTY OWNER AND I'M PAST PRESIDENT OF E.T.I. .CORRAL 36 AND  
4 PAST AREA 6 DIRECTOR FOR E.T.I. INTERNATIONAL. AND WE SUPPORT  
5 AND I THANK THE COUNTY SO MUCH AND STAFF FOR LISTENING AND  
6 RESPECTING AND INCLUDING OUR INPUT, AND THANK YOU. I SUPPORT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE THAT.

9 KATHERINE PEASE?

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11 **KATHERINE PEASE:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
12 IS KATHERINE PEASE. I'M THE WATERSHED SCIENTIST AT HEAL THE  
13 BAY. HEAL THE BAY IS A NONPROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION  
14 WITH OVER 13,000 MEMBERS AND WE'RE DEDICATED TO MAKING THE  
15 WATERS, THE COASTAL WATERS AND WATERSHEDS OF SOUTHERN  
16 CALIFORNIA SAFE, HEALTHY AND CLEAN. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO SHOW  
17 OUR SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL  
18 PROGRAM, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE IT AND PASS IT ON TO  
19 THE COASTAL COMMISSION. SINCE 1998, HEAL THE BAY'S DREAM TEAM  
20 HAS BEEN COLLECTING DATA IN THE MALIBU CREEK WATERSHED TO  
21 ASSESS THE HEALTH OF THE WATERSHED. WE PUBLISHED A REPORT IN  
22 MARCH OF 2013 SHOWING THAT THERE'S MANY PROBLEMS IN THE  
23 WATERSHED, SUCH AS HARDENED STREAM BANKS, POLLUTED WATER WAYS  
24 AND THE PROLIFERATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS. THE  
25 L.C.P. IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY WHERE WE COULD DETERMINE HOW

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1 DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS IN THE MOUNTAINS AND PROTECT THESE  
2 IMPORTANT RESOURCES. WE APPLAUD THE L.A. COUNTY STAFF'S WORK  
3 TO DEVELOP THIS UPDATED L.C.P., AND WE FOUND THAT IT'S MUCH  
4 IMPROVED SINCE 2006. SO WE URGE THE BOARD TO APPROVE IT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DEBORAH RICHARDS?

7

8 **DEBORAH RICHARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEBORAH RICHARDS.  
9 I'VE LIVED IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS  
10 AND ALSO A MEMBER OF E.T.I. CORRAL 36. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU  
11 SO MUCH FOR THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS AND TO URGE YOU  
12 TO VOTE YES TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. AND KATHLEEN, BEFORE YOU START,  
15 LET ME CALL UP JEFFREY DAVIDSON, STEPHANIE ABRONSON, BRITTANY  
16 STEPHENS. KATHLEEN TRUMAN?

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18 **KATHLEEN TRUMAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND  
19 SUPERVISORS. I AM KATHLEEN TRUMAN, COUNSEL FOR MALIBU  
20 ASSOCIATES, THE OWNER OF THE MALIBU GOLF CLUB AND THE  
21 APPLICANT FOR THE MALIBU INSTITUTE PROJECT. THE MALIBU  
22 INSTITUTE WILL CREATE A SPORTS-ORIENTED EDUCATIONAL RETREAT TO  
23 COMPLEMENT A REMODELED 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE ON A 650-ACRE  
24 PROPERTY CURRENTLY OPERATED AS THE MALIBU GOLF CLUB. BY  
25 CLUSTERING PROPOSED BUILDINGS ON 20 ACRES IN THE SOUTHERN

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1 PORTION OF THE PROPERTY INVOLUNTARILY RESTRICTING DEVELOPMENT  
2 OF THE BUILDINGS AND RENOVATION OF THE GOLF COURSE TO  
3 PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED AREAS, THE PROJECT WILL DEDICATE OVER 450  
4 ACRES OF NATIVE COASTAL SCRUB AND CHAPARRAL, INCLUDING OAK  
5 WOODLAND FOREST AS PERMANENT OPEN SPACE. UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP  
6 OF DR. KATZ OF PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, THE PROJECT ALSO WILL  
7 REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES FROM THE GOLF COURSE PONDS TO RESTORE  
8 HABITAT FOR THE CALIFORNIA NEWT AND WESTERN POND TURTLE. WE  
9 THANK COUNTY STAFF FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND INSIGHT DURING  
10 OUR REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED L.C.P. IT IS CLEAR STAFF HAS WORKED  
11 TIRELESSLY OVER THE LAST YEARS TO DRAFT A PROPOSED L.C.P. THAT  
12 WILL PROTECT THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS FOR GENERATIONS TO  
13 COME WHILE RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND  
14 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. WE SUPPORT THE APPROVAL OF THE 2014  
15 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND LOOK FORWARD  
16 TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH STAFF ON THE MALIBU INSTITUTE  
17 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

18  
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JEFFREY DAVIDSON?  
20

21 **JEFFREY DAVIDSON:** MY NAME IS JEFFREY DAVIDSON. THANK YOU FOR  
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I HAVE BEEN AN EQUESTRIAN FOR YEARS,  
23 AND HORSES HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR HERITAGE IN THE  
24 DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST. AS SUCH, I HAVE ALSO VOLUNTEERED FOR  
25 THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE STATE PARK SERVICE FOR OVER

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1 16 YEARS AS AN EQUESTRIAN MOUNTED PATROL. AND I SEE MANY, MANY  
2 PEOPLE ENJOYING IT ON HORSEBACK, ON BICYCLES, HIKING, ET  
3 CETERA. I THINK IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO LOSE WHAT WE HAVE. AND  
4 I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING WHAT WE DO  
5 HAVE AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LOS  
6 ANGELES COUNTY AS WELL AS THE STATE AND OUTSIDE VISITORS. I  
7 FULLY SUPPORT THE L.C.P. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
8 SPEAK AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STEPHANIE ABRONSON?

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12 **STEPHANIE ABRONSON:** MY NAME IS STEPHANIE ABRONSON, I LIVE IN  
13 MONTE NIDO, A LAND OWNER IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND I  
14 LIVE ON A VERY HISTORIC TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE A  
15 CHILDREN'S CAMP IN THE 1940S. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
16 EQUESTRIAN TRAILS GROUP AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE MONTE NIDO  
17 VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND I USE THE NATIONAL RECREATION  
18 AREA EXTENSIVELY. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF MY PERSONAL  
19 LIFE AND MY FAMILY'S LIFE. THIS DRAFT L.C.P. DOCUMENT, THOUGH  
20 NOT PERFECT, GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS ACHIEVING CONTINUED  
21 EQUESTRIAN USE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND I SUPPORT IT  
22 WITH THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR EQUESTRIAN  
23 USE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, STEPHANIE. BRITTANY STEPHENS?

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2 **BRITTANY STEPHENS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRITTANY STEPHENS.  
3 THANK YOU FOR LETTING US ALL SPEAK TODAY. I'M IN FAVOR OF THE  
4 LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM. I WISH MY CITY WOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH  
5 TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD AND PASS AN L.C.P. LIKE THIS ONE. THIS  
6 PLAN NOT ONLY INCORPORATES A RESONATING PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK,  
7 IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR OF NEEDED IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
8 GUIDELINES. THESE NATIONAL LANDS ARE WORTHY OF OUR PROTECTION.  
9 I'VE GROWN UP IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I CAN SAY I'M A  
10 25-YEAR RESIDENT THERE. AND I'M HOPING THAT WITH YOUR SUPPORT  
11 AND APPROVING THE L.C.P., MY CHILDREN AND THE NEXT GENERATION  
12 CAN SEE AND ENJOY THE SAME NATURAL WONDERS YOU AND I HAVE.  
13 THIS IS A STRONG, IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND I APPRECIATE YOUR  
14 CONSIDERATION IN VOTING IN SUPPORT OF THIS DOCUMENT WITHOUT  
15 FURTHER DELAY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP ELIZABETH  
18 STEPHENS, DANA CHIDEKEL, JESSICA CHENG AND ANN DONEEN? OKAY.  
19 ELIZABETH?

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21 **ELIZABETH STEPHENS:** HI, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH STEPHENS. AND  
22 UNFORTUNATELY MY CITY HAS A LAND-USE ATTORNEY THAT'S ON  
23 COUNCIL AND THE DEVELOPERS ARE HAVING A FREE FOR ALL. AND SOME  
24 INDIVIDUALS' HOMES ARE BEING DESTROYED. SO I WOULD LIKE TO  
25 THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US, AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE



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1 L.C.P. THERE'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. AND I APPRECIATE THIS  
2 DOCUMENT BECAUSE IT GIVES CLEAR, DEFINITIVE GUIDELINES THAT  
3 ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. THE L.C.P. PROVIDES A  
4 PRECISE DEFINITION OF WHAT IS ALLOWED AND NOT ALLOWED TO DO  
5 AND CREATES A STANDARD WHERE EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE SAME RULES.  
6 AS IT STANDS NOW WITH VAGUE PROTOCOLS, THERE LEAVES ROOM FOR  
7 INEQUALITY AND UNEQUAL APPLICATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.  
8 I ASK YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE L.C.P., WHICH AMONG MANY  
9 OTHER GREAT ATTRIBUTES, SUPPORTS THE EQUALITY FOR ALL PROPERTY  
10 RIGHTS AND IMPLEMENTS A STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR ALL. THANK YOU  
11 FOR YOUR OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DANA?

14

15 **DANA CHIDEKEL:** HI, MY NAME IS DR. DANA CHIDEKEL, RHYMES WITH  
16 POLITICAL, WHICH IS RELEVANT. I'M IN FAVOR OF PASSING THE  
17 LOCAL COASTAL PLAN. I'M A BOARD MEMBER ON THE MONTE NIDO  
18 VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE EQUESTRIAN  
19 TRAILS. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED OUR TWO ADOLESCENT DAUGHTERS,  
20 THREE HORSES AT THE TIME, FIVE MINIATURE DONKEYS AND TWO DOGS  
21 TO MONTE NIDO, SO WE'RE RELATIVELY NEW MEMBERS. WE MOVED--  
22 ACTUALLY WE WEREN'T LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO BUY BUT WERE IN THE  
23 COMMUNITY AND FOUND IT TO BE A BEAUTIFUL RURAL AREA WITH A  
24 KIND OF A WHOLESOME, VITAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY THAT WE WERE NOT  
25 EVEN AWARE EXISTED ANYMORE. WE MOVED FROM WOODLAND HILLS. I

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1    LIKE TO SAY WE MOVED 20 MINUTES AND 50 YEARS AWAY. HORSES ARE  
2    A VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE FIVE MINIATURE DONKEYS  
3    THAT LIVE ALONG A FENCE LINE. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY  
4    FRIENDSHIPS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH PEOPLE WHO REGULARLY COME TO  
5    VISIT THEM. THEY FACILITATE THAT. IMAGINE COMING HOME FROM A  
6    HECTIC DAY IN THE CITY AND HAVING TO SLOW DOWN BECAUSE THERE'S  
7    A COUPLE PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM A TRAIL RIDE ON THE SHOULDER.  
8    THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN'T RECREATE IN SO MANY PARTS OF  
9    THE CITY AND IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE THING TO LOSE. I FIND  
10    IRONIC ONE MORE STATEMENT THAT MANY PEOPLE COME IN AND DEVELOP  
11    AN AREA BECAUSE IT HAS QUALITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT ITSELF  
12    RUINS THOSE QUALITIES.

13

14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DOCTOR. JESSICA CHENG?

15

16    **JESSICA CHENG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESSICA CHENG WITH  
17    ANGEL LAW, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MONTE NIDO VALLEY  
18    COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AND SAFE OPEN SPACE, SANTA MONICA  
19    MOUNTAINS TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN. ANGEL LAW HAS 25 YEARS OF  
20    EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL COASTAL PLANNING, INCLUDING OBTAINING A  
21    COURT RULING REQUIRING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS COUNTY'S 1986  
22    L.U.P. THAT HELPED ESTABLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BOARD.  
23    THIS IS A GOOD PLAN. IT WAS MADE WITH YEARS OF PUBLIC  
24    INVOLVEMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE UNIQUE COMMUNITY  
25    CHARACTER, WHICH IS WHY THERE IS SUCH STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT. IT

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1 WILL PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.  
2 THE PLAN ALSO GREATLY SIMPLIFIES DEVELOPMENT. RATHER THAN  
3 REQUIRING THE CURRENT TWO-STAGE PROCESS WHERE PROJECT  
4 APPLICANTS APPLY BOTH WITH THE COUNTY AND COASTAL, THE L.C.P.  
5 WILL FINALLY ENCOMPASS WHAT WAS ENVISIONED BY COASTAL ACT  
6 SECTION 3519 TO TRANSFER C.D.P. AUTHORITY TO THE LOCAL  
7 GOVERNMENT, SUCH THAT APPLICANTS WILL ONLY APPLY WITH THE  
8 COUNTY. THE FACT THIS PLAN DOES SO MUCH WHILE BEING A DOCUMENT  
9 WE BELIEVE IS LIKELY TO BE APPROVED BY COASTAL IS A TESTAMENT  
10 TO STAFF'S HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. WE STRONGLY URGE THE  
11 BOARD TO APPROVE THIS PLAN WITH ITS NUMEROUS BENEFITS TO A  
12 COMMUNITY THAT HAS LONG DESERVED LOCAL CONTROL. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL ON YOU. ANN DONEEN?  
15 YOU'RE ANN? SORRY. RHIANNON BAILARD? LOUISE RISHOFF AND ADAM  
16 CHIDEKEL. ANN? GO AHEAD.

17

18 **ANN DONEEN:** HI, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU.  
19 I AM A HOMEOWNER IN LATIGO CANYON AREA. I BOUGHT THERE TWO  
20 MONTHS AGO THREE MILES UP FROM PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY. I RODE  
21 HORSES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AS A CHILD. I FEEL THE  
22 PLAN SHOULD GO FURTHER WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
23 E.S.H.A. RESTRICTIONS AND IT SHOULD HAVE STEEPER RESIDENTIAL  
24 DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FEE AND IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS.  
25 HOWEVER, EVEN SO, IMPERFECT AS IT IS, OVERALL IT IS A VERY

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1 GOOD PLAN AND ONE THAT IS UNLIKELY TO GET MUCH BETTER. I LOVE  
2 THE DARK SKY PROVISIONS. PLEASE WASTE NO TIME IN APPROVING THE  
3 PLAN AND VOTE ON IT TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RHIANNON BAILARD?

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7 **RHIANNON BAILARD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
8 RHIANNON BAILARD, AND I'M THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
9 GOVERNMENTAL AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY.  
10 WE'VE ALREADY SUBMITTED A LETTER BUT I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME  
11 BRIEF COMMENTS. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS PEPPERDINE  
12 UNIVERSITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL  
13 COASTAL PLAN. WE PARTNER AND SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR GOAL TO  
14 PROTECT THE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES IN THE SANTA MONICA  
15 MOUNTAINS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PERMITTING DEVELOPMENT THAT  
16 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG-TERM GOALS OF THE COUNTY, THE  
17 COMMUNITY AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS  
18 OUR GRATITUDE FOR COUNTY PLANNING STAFF IN ENGAGING US  
19 THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, SPECIFICALLY RICHARD BRUCKNER AND HIS  
20 TEAM WHO HAVE EVIDENCED INCREDIBLE PROFESSIONALISM AND  
21 EXPERTISE THROUGHOUT. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO REMAIN GRATEFUL TO  
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP BOTH ON THIS EFFORT  
23 AS WELL AS HIS EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE  
24 THIRD DISTRICT FOR THE LAST TWO DECADES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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1 FOR ALLOWING ME TO EXPRESS PEPPERDINE'S SUPPORT FOR THE L.C.P.  
2 THIS MORNING.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, RHIANNON. GOT THAT RIGHT. LOUISE  
5 RISHOFF.

6

7 **LOUISE RISHOFF:** GOOD MORNING, LOUISE RISHOFF ON BEHALF OF  
8 STATE SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY. I HAVE A LETTER FOR THE RECORD THAT  
9 I'LL SUMMARIZE. "THIS IS TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE  
10 ADOPTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM  
11 AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS, THE L.C.P. CONTAINS HISTORIC  
12 PROTECTIONS FOR THE ROUGHLY 52,000 ACRES THAT MAKE UP THE  
13 COASTAL ZONE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, A RICH AND FRAGILE  
14 SET OF ECOSYSTEMS IN WHICH PROTECTIONS ARE THE PRODUCT OF A  
15 LONG AND THOUGHTFUL PROCESS. IN 2008 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATED THE COUNTY'S  
17 NORTH AREA PLAN, THE VISIONARY DOCUMENT CONTAINING CRITICAL  
18 PROTECTIONS AND PLANNING POLICIES IN THE NORTH AREA. TODAY'S  
19 ACTIONS REFLECT THAT SAME INTEGRATED AND COMPREHENSIVE  
20 APPROACH. AS CHAIR OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
21 RESOURCES AND WATER, I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO THE COUNTY  
22 FOR ADOPTING SUGGESTIONS OF THE COASTAL COMMISSION THAT WILL  
23 ENSURE STATE-OF-THE-ART WATER QUALITY PROTECTIONS WITH RESPECT  
24 BOTH TO EXISTING AND NEW ACTIVITIES. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS

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1 HISTORIC STEP ON BEHALF OF THE MILLIONS OF RESIDENTS WHO VISIT  
2 AND CHERISH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS."

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, LOUISE. ADAM, BEFORE YOU START,  
5 LET ME CALL BATTA VUJICIC, ARNOLD SACHS, AND JOHN BERTOLLI..  
6 ADAM?

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8 **ADAM CHIDEKEL:** HI. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME  
9 IS DR. ADAM CHIDEKEL, AND I'M A MONTE NIDO RESIDENT. I'VE  
10 LIVED IN L.A. COUNTY SINCE 1986 AND I'VE USED THE SANTA MONICA  
11 MOUNTAINS FOR RECREATION ALL THE TIME. I'VE TAKEN MY FAMILY  
12 AND MY CHILDREN THERE. PRIOR TO MOVING TO CALIFORNIA, I LIVED  
13 IN A PART OF THE COUNTRY THAT WASN'T AS WISE AND DIDN'T REALLY  
14 THINK ABOUT HOW THEY WERE GOING TO USE THEIR LAND. AND WHERE I  
15 GREW UP, THAT DEVELOPED AND IT NO LONGER EXISTS. I CAN'T SHOW  
16 MY FAMILY WHERE I GREW UP AND THE SPECIAL PLACES I SPENT WITH  
17 MY CHILDHOOD. THIS THOUGHTFUL DOCUMENT ALLOWS PRESERVATION,  
18 AND MY CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR CHILDREN THE  
19 SPECIAL PLACES IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. SO PLEASE  
20 SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BATTA VUJICIC.

23

24 **BATTA VUJICIC:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BATTA  
25 VUJICIC DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE,

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1 ALSO THE PAST PRESIDENT. I AM AUTHORIZED BY OUR BOARD TO COME  
2 AND VOICE OUR COUPLE CONCERNS ABOUT THE PLAN. ZEV, YOU KNOW  
3 THAT WE SAT TOGETHER BACK IN 2007 AND WE ARE TOTALLY IN FAVOR  
4 OF THE COASTAL PLAN. IT'S GOOD WISDOM, GOOD PRUDENCY. AND  
5 AGAIN WE WOULD LIKE TO VOICE OUR OPPOSITION TO SOME OF THE  
6 ELEMENTS, SPECIFICS ON THE AGRICULTURAL PORTION. TO REPEAT  
7 AGAIN, WE'RE IN FAVOR OF THE PLAN. IT DOES THE JOB, BUT THE  
8 DOCUMENT THAT WAS RELEASED ON JANUARY 9, ALMOST 800 PAGES,  
9 CONTAINS MANY FAULTS AND MANY LAYERS OF RESTRICTIONS THAT WE  
10 DID NOT HAVE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE. WE WOULD LIKE  
11 TO SPECIFICALLY SEE HOW IT AFFECTS THE AGRICULTURAL USE AS IT  
12 IS PERMITTED BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION BUT YET RESTRICTED AND  
13 NOT PERMITTED BY THE COUNTY ITSELF. AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT  
14 EFFECT WILL HAVE THERE AS WELL AS VACANT PROPERTY OWNERS,  
15 VACANT LAND PROPERTY OWNERS, HOW DOES IT AFFECT THEM? THANK  
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. BEFORE YOU START,  
19 IS JOHN BERTOLLI HERE? ILDA JACOBSON? NOT HERE? NORMAN HAYNIE?  
20 MR. HAYNIE HERE? OKAY, NORM. ERIC PREVEN? AND JORDAN BLAKE.  
21 THAT WILL BE THE LAST PERSON. MR. SACHS.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
24 AND I DON'T HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE, BUT I MADE SOME  
25 OBSERVATIONS. SOME OF THE THINGS I'VE HEARD, A COLLABORATION



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1 BETWEEN THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY? WOULD THAT BE  
2 LIKE-- I'VE HEARD LOW-COST ACCESS TO THE TRAILS. WOULD THAT BE  
3 LIKE THE LOW-COST ACCESS TO THE BEACHES? IT WAS A PLAN 2007 I  
4 BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND THIS IS  
5 ALMOST A REITERATION OF THAT SAME PLAN. SO I'M WONDERING,  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHERE WERE YOUR QUESTIONS THEN? I MEAN  
7 IF IT'S ALMOST THE SAME EXACT PLAN, WOULDN'T THESE QUESTIONS  
8 HAVE COME UP THEN IN 2007? WHY DO YOU WAIT UNTIL 2014 TO COME  
9 UP WITH THESE QUESTIONS? IT'S ALMOST THE SAME PLAN. IT WOULD  
10 HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE THEN. I'M CONCERNED WHEN YOU HAD THE SALE  
11 OF THE WHITTIER OIL FIELDS, PUBLIC PARKLAND IN PERPETUITY  
12 UNTIL WHITTIER DECIDED TO SELL IT TO THE OIL COMPANIES. COUNTY  
13 COUNSEL SAW THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND DID NOTHING.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I KNOW. SO IS YOURS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NORMAN HAYNIE?

20

21 **NORMAN HAYNIE:** YES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF SPEAKING,  
22 SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO TAKE FIRST THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE  
23 SUPERVISORS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THEY PUT IN FOR  
24 LITERALLY DECADES PROVIDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. AND  
25 PERSONALLY, I APPRECIATE IT AND I'M CERTAIN THAT THE PUBLIC

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1 DOES, AS WELL. I HAVE TWO POINTS WITH THE PLAN. I'M IN SUPPORT  
2 OF 98 PERCENT OF THE PLAN BUT THERE'S 2 PERCENT THAT I HAVE A  
3 PROBLEM WITH. THE FIRST IS THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH  
4 CULTIVATION. THERE ARE AREAS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
5 CONSISTENT WITH THE COASTAL ACT OF 1976 THAT HAVE BEEN USED  
6 FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE PAST. THEY MAY NOT BE USED RIGHT NOW,  
7 BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO DO ORGANIC FARMING. NO  
8 PESTICIDES. AND TO BASICALLY HAVE A SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE. AND  
9 UNDER THIS PLAN, EVEN THOUGH THOSE PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN USED  
10 FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE PAST, THEY CAN'T BE USED FOR  
11 AGRICULTURE NOW. I'M TALKING CARROTS, LETTUCE, GREEN BEANS,  
12 THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I THINK THE PLAN SHOULD ALLOW FOR THAT.  
13 THE LAST THING IS MITIGATION. BASICALLY THIS PLAN DOES NOT  
14 GIVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ENOUGH RIGHT TO MITIGATE ISSUES.  
15 IF A PERSON HAS MAYBE A THOUSAND ACRES AND FIVE SEPARATE LOTS  
16 AND HE WANTS TO CREATE A NEW PARCEL, YOU CAN'T ACCEPT THAT  
17 1,000 ACRES AS MITIGATION FOR THE CREATION OF ONE ADDITIONAL  
18 LOT WHERE HE WANTS TO BUILD ANOTHER HOUSE. YOU SHOULD HAVE  
19 THAT RIGHT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NORM, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOU HAVE ONE ITEM YOU  
22 WANTED TO BRING UP?

23

24 **NORMAN HAYNIE:** NO. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER. I THINK  
25 MITIGATION IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR PROTECTING THE COASTAL ZONE.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** SIR, COULD BRUCKNER ADDRESS THAT? IT IS AN  
5 INTERESTING POINT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCUSE ME, YOU'RE ON, MR. PREVEN.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** DO YOU CARE TO ADDRESS IT?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. YOU'RE ON. YOUR TIME IS RUNNING.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SAY ON THIS BECAUSE I'M  
14 SUPPORTIVE. I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU, SIR, AND THE  
15 SUPERVISORS IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE BECAUSE SANTA MONICA  
16 MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY, FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT TRACKING IT  
17 CLOSELY, IS AN ASTONISHING PIECE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
18 BUSINESS FOR THE PUBLIC. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE, THANKS TO THE  
19 TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THIS GROUP-- AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
20 AS YOU ALL KNOW, BECAUSE THIS IS A WHO'S WHO OF PEOPLE WHO  
21 HAVE REALLY FOUGHT FOR THAT SECTION OF OUR COUNTY, HAS BEEN  
22 DOGGED IN PURSUIT OF KEEPING THIS PLACE PRISTINE AND SO THAT  
23 THE GENERATIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW WILL GET A CHANCE TO  
24 EXPERIENCE IT THE WAY WE HAVE AND THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE SEEN  
25 WILL BE MITIGATED. I JUST THINK THAT THIS IS A NO BRAINER. AND

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1 I'M VERY PLEASED THAT-- AND IF THE COASTAL COMMISSION CHANGES  
2 ITS POLICIES FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED, YOU KNOW, I ASSUME  
3 THAT AN AMENDMENT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND COULD BE IN ORDER  
4 TO BRING THE KINDS OF EXEMPTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES THAT WOULD  
5 PASS MUSTER. SO THANK YOU. AND GOOD LUCK WITH THIS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JORDAN BLAKE? BEFORE YOU START, JORDAN, TWO  
8 MORE PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP. TOM HIX AND RACHAEL DESIRE? IS SHE  
9 HERE? OKAY. JORDAN?

10

11 **JORDAN BLAKE:** HI. HELLO, EVERYONE. YES, MY NAME IS JORDAN  
12 BLAKE AND I LIVE IN MONTE NIDO, I'M ALSO AN EQUESTRIAN AND  
13 THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I MOVED TO OUR BEAUTIFUL AREA. I'M A  
14 BOARD MEMBER OF MY LOCAL COMMUNITY OF ABOUT 40 HOMES. AND  
15 OBVIOUSLY MYSELF AND THE EQUESTRIANS IN MY AREA COMPLETELY  
16 APPROVE THE L.C.P. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TOM HIX.

19

20 **TOM HIX:** GOOD MORNING. I WAS LATE GETTING HERE, BUT MY COUNSEL  
21 READ MY LETTER AND I BELIEVE GAVE IT TO THE CLERK, SO I JUST  
22 WANTED TO GO ON RECORD THAT I SUPPORT THE L.C.P. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. HIX. ALL RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN,  
25 THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. I'D LIKE

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1 TO ASK IF MR. BRUCKNER HAS ANY RESPONSES HE WANTS TO MAKE AT  
2 THIS TIME?

3

4 RICHARD BRUCKNER, THERE WERE A COUPLE QUESTIONS THAT WERE  
5 ASKED OR CONCERNS. ONE ABOUT SLOPES IN THE SUNSET MESA AREA.  
6 THE PLAN HAS VERY STRONG PROTECTION FOR SLOPES. AND I BELIEVE  
7 THAT AREA WILL BE PROTECTED. THERE WAS ALSO A QUESTION ABOUT  
8 CROPS. MOSTLY AROUND LOCAL VEGETABLE GARDENS AND THERE'S AN  
9 EXCEPTION FOR LOCAL VEGETABLE GARDENS FOR PEOPLE WHO WISH TO  
10 DO THAT. AND THOSE CAN INTRUDE INTO THE FUEL MODIFICATION  
11 AREA. I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THOSE COUPLE THINGS.

12

13 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: YOU MEAN THEY COULD GO INTO THAT 20-  
14 FOOT AREA YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

15

16 RICHARD BRUCKNER: FOR CROPS, YES, SIR.

17

18 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: AND THEN THE ISSUE OF GRANDFATHERING  
19 THAT'S BEEN RAISED HERE MULTIPLE TIMES TODAY. I KNOW I JUST  
20 WANT TO GET IT ON THE RECORD, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO  
21 ABOUT THAT?

22

23 COUNSEL: THE PLAN AS IT'S ESTABLISHED NOW SETS FORTH THE  
24 GRANDFATHERING. WE GO AS FAR AS WE CAN GO LEGALLY IN THE PLAN  
25 NOW.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO IF SOMEBODY IS 80 PERCENT THROUGH  
3 NOW, WHAT HAPPENS?

4

5 **COUNSEL:** IF THEY'RE 80 PERCENT NOW WITH THE COASTAL  
6 COMMISSION, THEY GET AN APPROVED PROJECT BEFORE THIS PLAN GOES  
7 INTO EFFECT, THEN THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE UNDER THAT  
8 PERMIT. IF THEY'RE NOT, I BELIEVE UNDER THE PLAN, THE PLANNERS  
9 WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS, THEY COULD EITHER CHOOSE  
10 TO CONTINUE WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION OR GO BEFORE THE  
11 COUNTY. THE ISSUE THAT THEY FACE IS THAT ONCE THE COASTAL  
12 PROGRAM IS CERTIFIED AND OUR COASTAL PROGRAM IS WHAT CONTROLS  
13 THE DEVELOPMENT OUT THERE AND WHETHER YOU'RE BEFORE THE  
14 COASTAL COMMISSION OR THE COUNTY, THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO  
15 APPLY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THEM NECESSARILY TO  
18 START FROM SCRATCH. IF THOSE THINGS THAT THEY HAVE DONE THAT  
19 ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE NEW PLAN THAT WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
20 OLD PLAN WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REDONE ALL OVER AGAIN. IF THEY  
21 CHOOSE TO GO-- TO USE MR. KNABE'S EXAMPLE. IF YOU'RE IN THE  
22 COASTAL COMMISSION NOW APPLYING FOR A PERMIT, YOU'RE 80  
23 PERCENT DONE AND THEY CHOOSE TO CONTINUE AFTER THE  
24 CERTIFICATION OF THE PLAN, CHOOSE TO CONTINUE WITH THE COASTAL  
25 COMMISSION RATHER THAN COME TO US SINCE IT MAKES SENSE SINCE

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1 THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN DEALING FOR 80 PERCENT OF IT, AS LONG AS  
2 THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE NEW PLAN ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
3 OLD PLAN, THOSE THINGS DON'T HAVE TO BE REAPPLIED FOR?

4

5 **COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WOULD ONLY BE THE THINGS THAT ARE  
8 DIFFERENT. AND THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT THE LION'S  
9 SHARE OF THIS ARE THE SAME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT. BECAUSE  
12 BASICALLY THE WAY YOU MADE IT SOUND TO BEGIN WITH WAS THAT  
13 THEY'D HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IF  
14 THAT'S AN ISSUE, THEN I HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH IT. IF THE  
15 FACT IS THAT IT'S IN COMPLIANCE ALREADY WITH THE EXISTING AND  
16 EVEN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR WHATEVER WE ADOPT, THAT THEY CAN GO  
17 FROM THAT POINT FORWARD, THAT'S HUGE. YOU NEVER SAID THAT, BY  
18 THE WAY.

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** EXCUSE ME IF I DIDN'T, I APOLOGIZE.

21

22 **COUNSEL:** I APOLOGIZE. AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR  
23 YAROSLAVSKY'S CLARIFICATION ON THAT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A HUGE ISSUE.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THAT, EITHER. THANK  
3 YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP, MR. CHAIRMAN. IF I CAN, CAN I READ A  
4 MOTION IN?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS. "THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PORTION  
9 OF THE COASTAL ZONE HAS LACKED CERTIFIED LOCAL COASTAL  
10 PROGRAM-- HAS LACKED A LOCAL COASTAL CERTIFIED PROGRAM SINCE  
11 THE INCEPTION OF THE COASTAL ACT, APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS AGO.  
12 WITHOUT A CERTIFIED L.C.P. UNINCORPORATED AREA HOMEOWNERS AND  
13 LAND OWNERS ALIKE MUST FIRST GO TO THE COUNTY FOR AN APPROVAL  
14 IN CONCEPT AND THEN MUST PROCEED TO A YEAR'S LONG PROCESS AT  
15 THE COASTAL COMMISSION EVERY TIME THEY WISH TO GAIN APPROVAL  
16 TO BUILD ON THEIR LAND. IN OTHER WORDS, OUR CONSTITUENTS IN  
17 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS COASTAL ZONE CURRENTLY FACE TWICE  
18 THE BUREAUCRACY AND TWICE THE FEES BECAUSE THE COUNTY LACKS AN  
19 L.C.P. WORSE YET, PERMITTING DECISIONS ARE MADE ON AN AD HOC  
20 BASIS, DENYING-- OFTEN DENYING BOTH LAND OWNERS AND  
21 ENVIRONMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS PREDICTABILITY AS TO WHAT THE RULES  
22 WILL BE ON ANY GIVEN MATTER. CERTIFYING AN L.C.P. WILL SOLVE  
23 THESE PROBLEMS AND THE L.C.P. RECOMMENDED BY STAFF TODAY  
24 REPRESENTS THE FIRST REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY IN NEARLY THREE  
25 DECADES TO RESTORE THE COUNTY'S LAND USE PERMITTING AUTHORITY

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1 IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. RESTORING LOCAL CONTROL IS LONG  
2 OVERDUE AND IT SHOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT DELAY. SUBSTANTIVELY THE  
3 RECOMMENDED L.C.P. WILL PROTECT HORSE KEEPING, ENHANCE VISITOR  
4 SERVING RECREATIONAL USES, PROTECT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES,  
5 IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND PRESERVE THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE  
6 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WHILE THE SUPPORT FOR ANY  
7 COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN WILL NEVER BE UNANIMOUS, THE  
8 L.C.P. HAS GARNERED THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF LOCAL  
9 HOMEOWNERS AS WELL AS HORSE OWNERS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
10 COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OUR PARTNERS IN THE STATE, THE SANTA  
11 MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AS  
12 YOU HEARD FROM THEM TODAY. IT NOW DESERVES THE FULL SUPPORT OF  
13 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE STAFF  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THOSE CONTAINED IN THE AN ADDENDUM  
16 TO BOARD LETTER AND THOSE ADDITIONAL CHANGES REFERENCED AT  
17 TODAY'S HEARING BY DIRECTOR BRUCKNER.

18

19 **COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **COUNSEL:** TO MAKE CLEAR, THAT WILL BE COMING BACK FOR FINAL  
24 APPROVAL.

25

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY US, RIGHT.

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND? I'LL SECOND. OKAY.

4    ONE OTHER QUESTION, MR. BRUCKNER? I THINK IT WAS MR. HAYNIE AT

5    THE END THERE, BUT IT WAS AN ISSUE THAT I FORGOT TO FOLLOW UP

6    ON. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE CULTIVATION OF EXISTING FARMLAND AND

7    ORGANIC AND THAT PROCESS. WHAT ABOUT THE MITIGATION ISSUE ON

8    AND OFF-SITE?

9

10   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ACTUALLY I WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN WITH MR.

11   HAYNIE. I THINK HE'S MISUNDERSTANDING. THERE IS A MITIGATION

12   PROGRAM AND IT ALLOWS ADDITIONAL PARCELS.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON AND OFF-SITE.

15

16   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** ON AND OFF-SITE IT HAS FLEXIBILITY. I THINK

17   THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING. WE CAN CLARIFY THAT WITH HIM IF

18   HE'S STILL IN THE AUDIENCE.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND CLARIFY IT WITH ME, AS WELL.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NORM, ARE YOU STILL IN THE AUDIENCE? MAKE

23   SURE YOU GUYS EXCHANGE CARDS.

24

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE  
2    ANY OBJECTIONS? ONE ABSTENTION. SO ORDERED.

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK. YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU ALL.  
5    [APPLAUSE]

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, WE STILL HAVE BUSINESS TO DO. I  
8    KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE. I KNOW YOU'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND,  
9    BUT IF YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE, WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER  
10   OF ITEMS TO COVER HERE AT THE BOARD. SO WE APPRECIATE IT.  
11   THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU FOR ABIDING BY THE  
12   RULES OF THE BOARD. I BELIEVE-- WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS  
13   LEFT, BUT ONE THAT STILL HAS SPEAKERS IS ITEM NO. 6, I  
14   BELIEVE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM  
15   1-D AND 7. OKAY. WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC COMMENT. JOHN PARK,  
16   HYPEIN IM. GRACE YOO AND SIMON LEE. THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS?  
17   LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE, IF YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY,  
18   PLEASE? PLEASE. I KNOW YOU'RE ALL HAPPY, BUT WE HAVE BUSINESS  
19   TO CONDUCT. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

20

21   **HYEPIN IM:** GOOD MORNING. I THINK IT'S GOOD AFTERNOON ALMOST.  
22   ANYWAY, AGAIN MY NAME IS HYPEIN IM, PRESIDENT OF KOREAN  
23   CHURCHES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT  
24   OF THE \$100,000 BUDGET THAT WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR A STUDY OF  
25   THE BUILDING THAT I BELIEVE IS ON 6TH AND VERMONT. AND JUST AS

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1 A PERSON WHO'S OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, I VISITED THE BUILDING  
2 FOR MANY MENTAL HEALTH MEETINGS, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT WHEN I  
3 GO IN, I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING BACK LIKE 30, 40 YEARS. IT  
4 REFLECTS A VERY POOR IMAGE OF THE COUNTY OR THE CITY, AS WELL.  
5 AND I THINK IT WOULD BE A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT TO DO THAT IN  
6 LIGHT OF ALL THE OTHER DEVELOPMENTS HAPPENING IN THE AREA.  
7 ALSO KOREATOWN IS ONE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS DESIGNATED FOR THE  
8 PROMISE ZONE GROUND. AND SO I THINK IN THAT WAY THERE WILL BE  
9 SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE SOME SYNERGY. I DO ASK FOR THAT  
10 THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO GET INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY  
11 THAT LIVE IN THAT AREA AND DO BUSINESS IN THE AREA,  
12 PARTICULARLY SENIOR HOUSING. I KNOW THAT IT TAKES ABOUT EIGHT  
13 TO TEN YEARS FOR FOLKS TO ACTUALLY GET INTO SENIOR HOUSING  
14 WHEN THEY SIGN UP, A COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY, A PLACE FOR  
15 MEETINGS. I KNOW THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ASKED  
16 FOR IN THE PAST AND IT WILL BE A GREAT INVESTMENT. I HOPE IT  
17 DOES HAPPEN.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20

21 **JOHN PARK (VIA INTERPRETER):** MY NAME IS REVEREND JOHN PARK.  
22 AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE VOICE OF MANY OF THE KOREAN  
23 AMERICAN CHURCHES AND TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUPERVISORS  
24 HERE. AND I JUST WANT TO SHARE, GIVE INPUT THAT IN KOREATOWN,  
25 THERE AREN'T THAT MANY PLACES WHERE KOREAN SENIORS CAN GATHER.

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1 AND SO MANY SENIORS END UP HANGING OUT AT MCDONALD'S BUT IT  
2 HAS AN IMPACT ON THEIR BUSINESS, AS WELL. AND SO JUST IN TERMS  
3 OF THE FUTURE USE OR REDEVELOPMENT OF THAT FACILITY, IF IT  
4 DOES HAPPEN, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE A  
5 FACILITY FOR SENIORS BUT NOT ONLY THAT TO JUST HANG OUT, BUT  
6 REALLY A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN FIND OUT WHERE THEY COULD SERVE,  
7 WHERE THEY COULD GET JOB TRAINING, LEARN ENGLISH, THINGS OF  
8 THAT NATURE. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN ASK THAT WHEN YOU DO  
9 THE REPORT, THE STUDY, THAT YOU WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
10 THE VOICE OF INPUT FROM THE KOREAN COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY  
11 MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

14

15 **GRACE YOO:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS GRACE YOO, I'M THE  
16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE KOREAN AMERICAN COALITION. I'M HAPPY  
17 TO BE BEFORE THIS BODY ONCE AGAIN. AGAIN, WHEN I WAS HERE LAST  
18 WEEK, WE TALKED ABOUT THE BLIGHT AND THE NEED IN THE COMMUNITY  
19 FOR THIS STUDY TO DETERMINE WHAT SHOULD BE THE BEST WAY IN  
20 WHICH THE COUNTY CAN SPEND ITS FUNDS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES OR  
21 PERHAPS CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES. I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT I HAVE  
22 SPOKEN TO QUITE A NUMBER OF DEVELOPERS ALREADY WHO WOULD BE  
23 MORE THAN HAPPY AND WILLING TO COME IN TO SUPPORT SENIOR  
24 HOUSING, WHICH IS A GREAT NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I'M  
25 LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE FOLKS READY AND WAITING FOR THIS

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1 BODY TO GO AHEAD AND SAY THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S NEEDED.  
2 BECAUSE IT IS. I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND THAT. SO WE'RE  
3 EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY AND I JUST ASK THAT WHILE THIS  
4 REPORT IS BEING DONE THAT COMMUNITY INPUT ALSO BE SOUGHT SO  
5 THAT IT COULD BE A VERY FULL REPORT OF THE NEEDS OF THE  
6 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

9

10 **SIMON LEE:** GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS AND  
11 EVERYONE PRESENT. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS  
12 SIMON LEE. I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES CITY AND THEREFORE  
13 THE COUNTY OF L.A. IT'S A JOKE. ANYWAY, I'M AN INVESTOR. AND I  
14 HAVE INVESTED QUITE A BIT IN KOREATOWN, NEAR 6TH STREET AND  
15 VERMONT AVENUE. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS  
16 REGARDING THE PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE COUNTY OF  
17 LOS ANGELES ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 6TH AND VERMONT AVENUE.  
18 THE BUILDINGS THERE HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED FOREVER, EVER SINCE I  
19 CAN REMEMBER. I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1976 FROM KOREA  
20 AS A 10-YEAR-OLD, AND FIRST LIVED NEAR THERE. AND I REMEMBER  
21 THEM VERY WELL. AFTER 1992 CIVIL UNREST I WORKED FOR REBUILD  
22 L.A. I VISITED THE BUILDINGS THEN. I PASSED BY THEM COUNTLESS  
23 TIMES OVER THE YEARS. PLEASE LET ME SAY THAT LET'S NOT WAIT  
24 UNTIL THESE BUILDINGS BECOME EXTREMELY SUBSTANDARD AND ARE  
25 DECLARED A PUBLIC NUISANCE BECAUSE THEY MAY BE INJURIOUS TO



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1 HEALTH, OFFENSIVE TO THE SENSES AND OBSTRUCTIVE FOR USE OF THE  
2 NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES SO AS TO INTERFERE WITH THE COMFORTABLE  
3 ENJOYMENT OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THESE  
4 COUNTY BUILDINGS NEED SOME ATTENTION AND CARING. THEY HAVE  
5 BECOME EYESORES AND PERHAPS THE BIGGEST REASON FOR THE BLIGHT  
6 IN THE AREA. THEY ARE EMBARRASSING. SO IT'S TIME TO FIX THEM  
7 UP. AND BETTER YET REPLACE THEM WHICH HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE.  
8 THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE BUILDINGS BY THE COUNTY ARE  
9 DESPERATELY NEEDED IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY TO THE SENIORS AND  
10 THE CHILDREN. ALSO THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF COUNTY WORKERS  
11 CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL ECONOMIES, CRUCIAL TO SURVIVAL OF MANY  
12 BUSINESSES IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS. AS YOU KNOW, THESE  
13 BUILDINGS ARE SITUATED IN THE AREA THAT WAS RECENTLY  
14 DESIGNATED AS A PROMISE ZONE BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. AS A  
15 COMMUNITY I KNOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER SO EVERYONE CAN BENEFIT.  
16 SO, SELLING THE BUILDINGS TO DEVELOPERS MAY NOT BE THE ONLY  
17 IDEA.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. YEAH, JUST  
20 BE ASSURED, I MEAN THIS IS THE VERY BEGINNING PROCESS AND YOUR  
21 TESTIMONY WILL BE MORE APPLICABLE AS WE MOVE DOWN DURING THE  
22 PLANNING PROCESS. BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN. DANNY  
23 PARK, MELLO DESIRE AND ERIC PREVEN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** DANNY PARK HAD TO LEAVE.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MELLO RACHEL DESIRE AND ERIC  
3 PREVEN.

4

5 **MELLO DESIRE:** GOOD MORNING. THE FUNDING FOR THE STRUCTURE ON  
6 VERMONT FOR THE KOREAN NEIGHBORHOOD IS ALL FINE AND GOOD.  
7 \$100,000 IS ALSO NOT MUCH OF A LARGE AMOUNT. BUT WE NEED MORE  
8 FUNDING FOR SKID ROW. WE NEED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE  
9 HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE MISSIONS, FOR THE SHELTER THAT I'M  
10 CURRENTLY STAYING IN. WE NEED A COMPUTER. WE NEED MORE  
11 EMPLOYEES TO EXPEDITE NOT ONLY THE PROCESS OF V.O.A. LAMP,  
12 THAT'S LOCATED ON 6TH AND SAN PEDRO WHERE THE EMPLOYEES ARE  
13 CURSING OUT THE HOMELESS VETERANS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE,  
14 PEOPLE THAT CANNOT EVEN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. AND BECAUSE I  
15 SPEAK OUT FOR THEM, I WAS CURRENTLY ASKED TO LEAVE. I THINK  
16 THIS IS DEPLORABLE WHERE WE CONSIDER FUNDING FOR ANY OTHER  
17 PART OF LOS ANGELES WHERE I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE HOMELESS.  
18 WORKING FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH, I DID NOT EXPECT TO BE IN THIS  
19 POSITION. BUT BECAUSE I AM, IT MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO KNOW  
20 THAT THERE ARE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE THERE THAT ACTUALLY WANTS TO  
21 HELP EXPEDITE THE PURPOSE. YOU WANT TO CHECK IN YOUR BAG? YOU  
22 HAVE TO WAIT AN HOUR. THEY CURSE AT YOU, AND YOU SAY  
23 SOMETHING, THEN YOU'RE PUT OUT. SO I NEED TO KNOW: WHEN CAN WE  
24 HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS? BECAUSE THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE  
25 PROBLEM IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE KOREAN

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1 NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THEY'RE MORE PUT TOGETHER THAN THE AFRICAN-  
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THAN THE LATINO COMMUNITY. AND IT'S  
3 DEFINITELY ESPECIALLY MORE THAN SKID ROW. WE DON'T NEED ANY  
4 MORE FOOD. WE DON'T NEED MORE ORGANIZATIONS FEEDING THEM. THEY  
5 NEED TO BE REHABILITATED FROM THE INSIDE OUT STARTING WITH THE  
6 V.O.A.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
11 DISTRICT 3. AND I HEARD VERY CAREFULLY THIS DIALOGUE LAST WEEK  
12 ABOUT THE VERMONT CORRIDOR AND ABOUT THE NUMEROUS COUNTY  
13 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS THAT FACE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I  
14 MEAN, THERE WAS LAST WEEK THERE WAS A 75 MILLION APPROVAL AND  
15 THIS WAS KIND OF A LAGGARD AND IT'S NOW GOING TO BE APPROVED  
16 THAT THE C.E.O. WHO HAD BEEN LOOKING AT DOING SOME UPGRADES IN  
17 THIS CORRIDOR, NOW WE'RE GOING TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY  
18 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AND WHAT I'VE NOTICED, AND I THINK  
19 IT'S WORTH RAISING, IS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF LOVE IN THIS ROOM  
20 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IN THE RECENT PAST.  
21 THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT CERTAINLY IDENTIFIED  
22 THAT THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB BUILDING UP THEIR NEW FACILITY  
23 DOWN IN THEIR HEADQUARTERS FOR A GOOD PRICE. IT INVOLVED SOME  
24 PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS THAT I'M NOT FULLY CLEAR ON, BUT  
25 NONETHELESS, HERE'S THE THING. CAPITAL PROJECT MONEY THAT IS

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1 NOW BEING ROLLED OUT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. I WOULD LOVE TO  
2 HEAR FROM THE OTHER THIRD DISTRICT CANDIDATES ABOUT WHAT THEY  
3 THINK. I REALIZE THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS COUNTY  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE LEST IT BECOME WORSE THAN IT ALREADY IS, IN  
5 SOME WAYS. BUT I DO FEEL THAT THE TRANSPARENCY PIECE HAS BEEN  
6 MISSING. THERE WAS A MEETING RIGHT HERE WHERE A VERY HIGH-  
7 RANKING C.E.O. DEPUTY WAS CALLED OUT TO TALK ABOUT THE AECOM  
8 REPORT ON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE. THE REASON YOU HAVE AN AECOM  
9 REPORT IS TO GET A SENSE OF THE HIGH WIDE SHOT OF WHAT WE HAVE  
10 TO DO. I ASKED FOR IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT, "OH THAT'S  
11 INTERESTING. THEN WE CAN HAVE A SENSE AND SEE WHAT THE  
12 SUPERVISORS WANT TO TAKE CARE OF IN THEIR DISTRICTS," BUT IT  
13 NEVER CAME FORWARD. AND I ASKED AND ASKED. AND I DID A PUBLIC  
14 RECORD ACT REQUEST. AND I STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT. SO I  
15 APPRECIATE IT NOW IT'S AFTER THE FACT AS YOU PUSHED THROUGH  
16 ANOTHER, THERE WILL BE MORE. I'D LOVE TO SEE THAT REPORT ON  
17 THE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FROM AECOM, IF THERE'S A  
18 RECORD ON THIS. BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE IT. AND I DO SUPPORT  
19 WHAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS DOING IN THIS CASE TO TRY TO BRING  
20 SOME REVITALIZATION TO THAT CORRIDOR THAT IS CERTAINLY DUE  
21 ALONG WITH OTHER CORRIDORS FOR SOME UPGRADES, SO THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 1-D AND 7 ARE BEFORE US. UNLESS  
24 THERE IS FURTHER QUESTION, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
25 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM

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1 NO. 6? JAN LEVINE, ESTHER LIM, TAREK AZZAM. MARTHA MATTHEWS?

2 WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR. IS ONE MINUTE OKAY?

3

4 **JAN LEVINE:** GOOD MORNING-- AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS  
5 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAN LEVINE, AND I'M  
6 SPEAKING TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
7 MOTION, SUBSTITUTE MOTION FOR A REVIEW OF JUVENILE INDIGENT  
8 DEFENSE CONTRACTS. ALMOST EXACTLY A DECADE AGO I SAT AS THE  
9 JUDGE IN A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT FIRST IN LONG BEACH AND  
10 THEN AT THE KENYON JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER IN SOUTH CENTRAL  
11 LOS ANGELES. I HEARD ABOUT 25 CASES A DAY. PANEL ATTORNEYS  
12 APPEARED BEFORE ME REGULARLY. IN DELINQUENCY COURT, VERY FEW  
13 MATTERS GO TO TRIAL. IN FACT, 95 TO 97 PERCENT OF ALL THE  
14 CASES FILED ARE PLED OUT. THUS, MOST OF THE HEARINGS WERE  
15 SHORT, 5 TO 10 MINUTES OR SO. FOR ME, THE HEARINGS MOVED ONE  
16 AFTER ANOTHER FILLING MY DAY. BUT FOR THE INDIVIDUAL YOUTH WHO  
17 APPEARED BEFORE ME, THAT 5 TO 10-MINUTE HEARING WAS THE MOST  
18 IMPORTANT THING HAPPENING IN HIS OR HER LIFE. FOR MANY, IF NOT  
19 MOST, OF THE YOUTH IN COURT FOR AN ADJUDICATION, THAT 5 TO 10  
20 MINUTES WOULD CERTAINLY DETERMINE THEIR SHORT-TERM FUTURE AND  
21 POSSIBLY IRREVOCABLY ALTER THE COURSE OF THEIR ENTIRE LIFE.  
22 FOR THESE YOUTH, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT DAY WAS WHO WAS  
23 REPRESENTING THEM. I WAS JUST THE JUDGE. I WOULD HEAR ONLY  
24 WHAT THE LAWYERS PRESENTED TO ME. MOST OFTEN, A PLEA DEAL THAT  
25 THEY HAD WORKED OUT. AND I WOULD TAKE THE PLEA. AFTER THAT, AT

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1 THE NEXT HEARING, THE LAWYER AND THE D.A. AND THE PROBATION  
2 DEPARTMENT WOULD PRESENT A RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION TO ME.  
3 JUVENILE COURTS, UNDER STATE LAW, HAVE TO HAVE A STRONG  
4 REHABILITATION COMPONENT IN ADDITION TO THE PUNITIVE ASPECT IN  
5 SUPERVISING YOUTH. BOTH ELEMENTS ARE DETAILED THROUGH  
6 PROBATION CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. IF A YOUTH HAD MENTAL  
7 HEALTH ISSUES OR EDUCATION PROBLEMS OR A HISTORY OF SEVERE  
8 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OR NEEDED A PARTICULAR KIND OF PLACEMENT, I  
9 NEEDED TO KNOW THAT IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE APPROPRIATENESS OF  
10 THE PROPOSED DISPO PLAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME IS UP. YOU CAN SUBMIT--  
13 SURE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I NEED TO ASK QUESTIONS ON WHERE YOU WERE GOING  
16 AS A JUDGE. SO AS A JUDGE, YOU MONITORED WHERE THEY WERE  
17 PLACED?

18

19 **JAN LEVINE:** WELL, I COULD ONLY OPERATE BASED ON WHAT  
20 INFORMATION THEY GAVE ME. SO THE CHILD'S LAWYER HAD TO KNOW  
21 WHETHER OR NOT I'D BEEN GIVEN ALL THE INFORMATION.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU KNOW IF THE CHILD'S LAWYER SAW THE MENTAL  
24 HEALTH CASE?

25

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1   **JAN LEVINE:** IF THE CHILD'S LAWYER DIDN'T TAKE THE TIME TO  
2   INVESTIGATE WHETHER THERE WERE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES--

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW DO YOU KNOW IF THEY DID OR NOT?

5

6   **JAN LEVINE:** I DON'T KNOW IF THEY DID OR NOT. BUT I KNOW THEY  
7   DIDN'T HAVE ANY HELP IN DOING IT.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND IF ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT  
12   TO SUBMIT FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY, PLEASE DO. SO THE NEXT  
13   SPEAKER, PLEASE?

14

15   **JAN LEVINE:** OKAY.

16

17   **ESTHER LIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THIS STATEMENT IS BEING SET FORTH  
18   BY ME, ESTHER LIM, THE JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR AND DAVID SAPP,  
19   DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ADVOCACY WHO UNFORTUNATELY COULDN'T BE  
20   HERE, FROM THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE L.A.  
21   COUNTY SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING FREE DEFENSE TO YOUTH AND  
22   DELINQUENCY SYSTEM IMPLICATES A FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL  
23   INTEREST AND REPRESENTS AN INTERSECTION OF A.C.L.U. SOUTHERN  
24   CALIFORNIA ADVOCACY ON IMPROVING REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING  
25   FOR YOUTH DETAINED IN CAMPS AND HALLS AND ON REFORMING THE



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1 ADULT JAIL SYSTEM. WE SUPPORT THE MOTION BEFORE YOU AND  
2 BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD REVIEW AND ASSESS THE JUVENILE  
3 INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM AND THE USAGE OF THE LOW FLAT FEE  
4 COMPONENT OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM. IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE  
5 OF OUR U.S. CONSTITUTION THAT DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO  
6 ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND IT'S WELL-  
7 ESTABLISHED THAT THIS RIGHT EXTENDS TO OUR YOUTH AND THE  
8 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. THE RIGHT APPLIES AT ALL CRITICAL  
9 STAGES OF A PROCEEDING AND IS NOT SATISFIED BY MERELY THE  
10 PRESENCE OF AN ATTORNEY IN THE COURTROOM. YOUTH ARE ENTITLED  
11 TO RECEIVE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL, THEREFORE INDIGENT  
12 DEFENSE SYSTEMS MUST BE DESIGNED AND MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
13 RESOURCES TO ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTED COUNSEL REPRESENTING  
14 YOUTH PROVIDE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION. MOREOVER,  
15 REPRESENTATION WITHOUT ADEQUATE RESOURCES RESULTS IN  
16 ADJUDICATIONS FOR THESE YOUTH TO RECEIVE LONGER COMMITMENT  
17 TERMS, GREATER LIKELIHOOD OF TRANSFER TO THE ADULT SYSTEM AND  
18 PROLONGED APPEALS, ALL OF WHICH CARRY SIGNIFICANT COSTS TO THE  
19 COUNTY THAT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AND FACTORED INTO THIS  
20 DECISION. WE HOPE THAT THIS BOARD IN PARTICULAR WOULD BE  
21 COGNIZANT OF PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS BEFORE  
22 THEY COME TO HEAD AS WE HAVE SEEN THE CONSEQUENCES OF  
23 PROLONGED INACTION IN THE FACE OF SYSTEMIC BREAKDOWNS IN THE  
24 JAILS AND THE PROBATION CAMPS AND HALLS. THANK YOU.  
25

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1   **TAREK AZZAM:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TAREK AZZAM, I'M  
2   A PROFESSOR AT CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY IN THE APPLIED  
3   METHODS AND EVALUATION DEPARTMENT. I'M HERE TO REPORT ON  
4   FINDINGS FROM A STUDY WE RECENTLY COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED FOR  
5   PUBLICATION. THIS STUDY REALLY EXAMINED THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
6   SYSTEM FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF-- BASICALLY WHAT WE ATTEMPTED  
7   TO DO IS WE ATTEMPTED TO LOOK AT HOW LAWYERS WITHIN THE  
8   JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ACTED IN DEFENSE OF THEIR JUVENILES  
9   AND ALSO WHAT OUTCOMES WERE PRODUCED AS PART OF THE PROCESS.  
10   AND SO WE LOOKED AT LAWYER ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES. AND OUR  
11   FINDINGS SUGGESTED THAT WITHIN THE SYSTEM, THAT PUBLIC  
12   DEFENDERS WERE MORE LIKELY TO FILE MOTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE  
13   CLIENTS, ACTUALLY REQUEST EXPERT WITNESSES AND REQUEST TO  
14   DISMISS THE TRIAL AS COMPARED TO OTHER FORMS OF  
15   REPRESENTATION. AND IN TERMS OF OUTCOMES, WE ALSO FOUND THAT  
16   PUBLIC DEFENDERS-- WHEN NON PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEYS WERE  
17   REPRESENTING THE YOUTH, THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN  
18   THE LENGTHS OF SENTENCES BY APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT AND THE  
19   YOUTH WERE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE A HIGHER DISPOSITIONAL  
20   LEVEL. AND THAT LIKELIHOOD INCREASED BY 34 PERCENT. ONE OF THE  
21   THINGS THAT WE ATTEMPTED TO DO IS WE COLLECTED OVER 3,000 CASE  
22   FILES. AND IT TOOK TWO YEARS OF HAND ENTRY, DIGGING THROUGH  
23   THE COURTS AND THE ARCHIVE SYSTEM TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION  
24   AND TO CONDUCT THIS ANALYSIS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THIS  
25   PROVIDES COMPELLING EVIDENCE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS

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1 AREA IN TERMS OF FURTHER EXAMINING HOW LAWYER AND  
2 REPRESENTATION QUALITY VARIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** -- WOULD HELP IN THAT DIRECTION.

7

8 **TAREK AZZAM:** WELL, THIS MOTION IS-- THE PROCESS OF IT IS TO  
9 CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE-- PART OF THE MOTION GUIDELINES, AT  
10 LEAST AS I READ IT, IS TO LOOK AT THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF  
11 COMPENSATION.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST COMPENSATION, THAT'S IT?

14

15 **TAREK AZZAM:** OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THE QUALITY OF IT.

18

19 **TAREK AZZAM:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT A PART OF IT-- AND ONE OF  
20 THE THINGS THAT WE WANTED TO POINT OUT THROUGH THIS REPORT AND  
21 THROUGH THIS PUBLICATION-,

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOUR REPORT. BUT NOT THROUGH THIS MOTION?

24

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1   **TAREK AZZAM:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT THERE IS A DISPARITY. THANK  
2   YOU.

3

4   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN I'D ASK MARTHA MATTHEWS TO JOIN US.  
5   ANTONIA CASA, CHERYL BONACCI, ARE THEY HERE? YES, GO AHEAD.

6

7   **MARTHA MATTHEWS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
8   SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.  
9   MY NAME IS MARTHA MATTHEWS. I'M THE DIRECTING ATTORNEY OF THE  
10   CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT AND PUBLIC COUNSEL. PRIOR TO MY  
11   CURRENT JOB, I WAS A SUPERVISING AND APPELLATE ATTORNEY FOR  
12   SIX YEARS, AT CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER OF LOS ANGELES, THE  
13   APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. MANY  
14   YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MADE THE DECISION TO MOVE  
15   FROM A LOW-BID, FLAT-FEE CONTRACT PANEL SYSTEM LIKE THE SYSTEM  
16   UNDER CONSIDERATION TODAY FOR JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE IN ITS  
17   FOSTER CARE AND ON THE DEPENDENCY SIDE. THAT WAS A REALLY  
18   IMPORTANT THING TO DO. YOU CAN BE THE MOST BRILLIANT ATTORNEY  
19   IN THE WORLD, BUT IF YOU'RE PAID A FLAT FEE PER CASE AND  
20   YOU'RE OPERATING ON YOUR OWN, YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT I SAW THE  
21   UNIT OF ATTORNEYS I SUPERVISED HAVE: SUPPORT, PEER  
22   SUPERVISION, PEOPLE WORKING WITH EACH OTHER TO BE THE BEST  
23   THEY COULD BE, INVESTIGATORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS ON STAFF TO  
24   HELP ADDRESS A CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH AND SPECIAL EDUCATION AND  
25   OTHER NEEDS, REGULAR TRAINING. WE DID ON-SITE M.C.L.E.S. IF AN

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1 ATTORNEY HAD A QUESTION ON A COMPLEX ISSUE OF LAW, ALL THEY  
2 HAD TO DO WAS CALL AND TEXT ME, THEIR SUPERVISOR AND SUPPORT  
3 ATTORNEY AND I'D BE DOWN IN THE COURTROOM TO HELP THEM. THAT  
4 KIND OF STRUCTURE IS WHAT CHILDREN'S ATTORNEYS NEED TO PROVIDE  
5 EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION. THAT STRUCTURE EXISTS IN THE PUBLIC  
6 DEFENDER'S OFFICE; IT COULD EXIST IN AN ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC  
7 DEFENDER OR ADMINISTERED PANEL SYSTEM SUCH AS WE HAVE IN THE  
8 DEPENDENCY COURT. THE KIDS ARE THE SAME KIDS, WHETHER YOU COME  
9 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE YOU  
10 COMMITTED A MINOR CRIME OR BECAUSE SOMEONE IS BEATING YOU OR  
11 SEXUALLY EXPLOITING YOU, THE NEEDS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE  
12 IDENTICAL. THEY ARE KIDS WITH A TRAUMA HISTORY. THEY ARE KIDS  
13 WHO OFTEN HAVE DISABILITIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS. THEY CANNOT BE  
14 EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED BY ANY ATTORNEY WORKING ON THEIR OWN  
15 FOR A FLAT FEE. THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

18  
19 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS  
20 ANTONIA CASA. I'M HERE BECAUSE MY SON IS CURRENTLY AT THE  
21 JUVENILE HALL. I'M HERE BASICALLY TO REPORT THAT VERY  
22 IMPORTANT THAT WHEN THE KID GETS TO GO TO JUVENILE HALL, THEY  
23 DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT REPRESENTATION BY AN ATTORNEY. BEFORE MY-  
24 - WHEN MY SON WENT TO COURT, HE WAS SENTENCED TO 90 YEARS WHEN  
25 HE BECAME AN ADULT. BUT THANKFULLY WE GOT IN THE HANDS OF A

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1 GOOD ATTORNEY, AND WE JUST EXPECTING HIM TO BE HOME SOON. I'M  
2 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER PARENTS THAT ARE REPRESENTING KIDS  
3 ARE IN THE JUVENILE HALL, THAT ARE HERE PHYSICALLY OR  
4 SPIRITUALLY. BUT IT'S VERY SAD TO KNOW THAT OUR KIDS HAVE BEEN  
5 FIGHTING THE SYSTEM AND BEING SENTENCED FOR 75 YEARS OR 100  
6 YEARS AND THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT TO BE ABLE TO  
7 HAVE THE RIGHT REPRESENTATION. I'M HOPING THAT THIS COULD BE  
8 CHANGED AND TO HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, GO AHEAD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WAS THE ATTORNEY A PUBLIC DEFENDER OR THE  
13 PANEL ATTORNEY? WHAT WAS THE ATTORNEY'S NAME?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH).

16

17 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE WAS A PUBLIC DEFENDER?

20

21 **INTERPRETER:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE US HIS NAME AFTER.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A QUESTION.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SUP. MOLINA.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH) THE QUALITY OF THE LAWYERING.

5

6 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** OKAY, HE WAS A PANEL ATTORNEY  
7 THAT WAS REPRESENTED, THE FIRST ATTORNEY THAT HE HIRED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS HIS NAME?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PROBABLY NOT A GOOD IDEA AT THIS POINT.  
12 MAYBE WE CAN TELL SOMEBODY ELSE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE IT TO MY DEPUTY. GIVE HER THE NAME OR  
15 HIS NAME.

16

17 **ANTONIA CASA (VIA INTERPRETER):** SHE WILL PROVIDE IT TO HIM.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** EL NOMBRE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I ASK THAT CAROL CHODROFF JOIN US,  
22 FRANCISCO CARRILLO? AND MELLO DESIRE AGAIN, JENNY GONZALEZ.  
23 OKAY. GO AHEAD.

24



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1   **CHERYL BONACCI:** MY NAME IS CHERYL BONACCI AND I AM HERE ON  
2   BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S PROPOSAL AND I'M IN  
3   FAVOR OF IT. I'VE BEEN IN DETENTION MINISTRY FOR 12 YEARS AND  
4   I'M CURRENTLY THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR AT A.R.C., THE  
5   ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS  
6   OF CHILDREN WHO DON'T HAVE A VOICE IN THIS SITUATION, THE  
7   THOUSANDS OF KIDS THAT WE HAVE IN JUVENILE HALL. I CAN'T TELL  
8   YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SIT IN A COURTROOM WITH A CHILD WHO  
9   REALLY HAS VERY LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN  
10   THEIR COURT PROCEEDINGS AND LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEIR  
11   RIGHTS ARE. THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
12   ASK QUESTIONS. THEY THINK THEY'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO SIT SILENT  
13   AND NOT SPEAK AND THEY ARE FRIGHTENED AND THEY ARE LOST. I  
14   THINK THAT WE ARE-- OUR CHILDREN DON'T KNOW-- THEY OFTENTIMES  
15   DON'T HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR ATTORNEYS. AND I FEEL LIKE  
16   THAT WE ARE COLLECTIVELY FAILING OUR CHILDREN IN ESTABLISHING  
17   THE FOUNDATION OF A SYSTEM THAT'S DESIGNED TO HELP THEM GET  
18   BACK ON THEIR FEET; INSTEAD, WE ARE PUTTING THEM-- WE'RE  
19   FAILING THEM WITH THE KIND OF REPRESENTATION THAT ADULTS HAVE  
20   EVERY RIGHT TO HAVE. IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO DO  
21   MORE FOR A CHILD WHO MAY HAVE COMMITTED A SERIOUS CRIME, BUT I  
22   ALWAYS SEE THEM AS A CHILD FIRST. AND I THINK THAT WE CAN DO  
23   BETTER BY THEM.

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

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1

2 **CHERYL BONACCI:** I THINK AT LEAST DIGGING DEEPER--

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** DIGGING DEEPER INTO WHAT?

5

6 **CHERYL BONACCI:** I THINK LOOKING AT THE REPRESENTATION THAT OUR  
7 CHILDREN HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION SAYS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** TO THE CONTRARY, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE  
12 MOTION IS VERY EXPLICIT.

13

14 **CHERYL BONACCI:** I THINK IN THE MOTION, TOO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM  
15 AND LOOKING AT THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND THE CONSIDERATIONS OF  
16 THE BOARD TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT SYSTEM AS WE HAVE IT, I THINK  
17 THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS GOING TO HELP OUR CHILDREN.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT NEVER TALKS ABOUT THE CHILD, EVER.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME MAKE IT EXPLICIT THIS IS WHAT THE  
22 MOTION SAYS AND I'LL DO THAT AFTER--

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL TRUST YOU. I WAS WONDERING  
25 WHAT SHE WAS SAYING WOULD IMPROVE IN IT.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT YOU'RE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS THAT IT  
3 DOESN'T ADDRESS THE CHILD, AND IT DOES, EXPLICITLY.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? ARE YOU GOING TO ADDRESS THAT NOW,  
6 MARK?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, PROCEED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

11

12 **CAROL CHODROFF:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
13 OF SUPERVISORS. I AM THRILLED TO BE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF  
14 THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. MY NAME IS CAROL CHODROFF AND I'VE  
15 WORKED ON BEHALF OF YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN  
16 ALMOST 20 YEARS AS A TEACHER FOR CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM, A  
17 PUBLIC DEFENDER REPRESENTING CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM AND A  
18 JUVENILE POLICY ATTORNEY WORKING TO CRAFT LAWS AND POLICIES TO  
19 CREATE GREATER JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE YOUTH. AS ANY YOUNG  
20 PERSON WHO HAS BEEN THROUGH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM CAN  
21 ATTEST, THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION HE OR SHE RECEIVES IS  
22 CRITICAL. CHILDREN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM NEED TRAINED  
23 ATTORNEYS WHO CAN OBTAIN CRUCIAL RECORDS AND ADVOCATE FOR  
24 CHILDREN'S MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING,  
25 SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS. THESE SAME ATTORNEYS MUST ALSO

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1 PROTECT CHILDREN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BY INTERVIEWING THE  
2 CHILD, EMPLOYING INVESTIGATORS, HAVING EXPERT WITNESSES  
3 APPOINTED, OBJECTING TO INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE AT AD JUDICATORY  
4 HEARINGS, ADVOCATING FOR THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE AT  
5 DISPOSITION AND PRESSING AT EVERY STAGE FOR THE CHILD'S  
6 EXPRESSED INTEREST. OVER 70 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN THE  
7 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SUFFER FROM ONE OR MORE MENTAL HEALTH  
8 ISSUES WHICH EXACERBATES THEIR CONDITIONS AND THEIR NEEDS. I'D  
9 LIKE TO CHANGE MY TESTIMONY A BIT RIGHT NOW AND JUST FOCUS ON  
10 WHY THIS MOTION HELPS OUR CHILDREN AND IS SO CRITICALLY  
11 IMPORTANT. THIS MOTION ISN'T JUST ABOUT COMPENSATION. AND THIS  
12 MOTION IN NO WAY DISPARAGES PANEL ATTORNEYS. ALL IT DOES IS  
13 RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTING YOUTH. IT  
14 PROVIDES AND REVIEWS THE QUALITY OF TRAINING, WHICH IS  
15 CRITICAL FOR REPRESENTING YOUTH IN THIS SYSTEM. SUPERVISION,  
16 MENTORING, AS WELL AS COMPENSATION, ALL OF THOSE THINGS ARE  
17 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. ACADEMICS, JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, MENTAL  
18 HEALTH EXPERTS, CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
19 SCHOLAR IRWIN CHIMERINSKI AND OTHERS ALL CONDEMN LOS ANGELES'S  
20 JUDICIAL DELINQUENCY COMPENSATION SCHEME RIGHT NOW AS THE  
21 WORST OPTION FOR THE PROVISION OF DEFENSE SERVICES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP.

24

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1 **CAROL CHODROFF:** MAY I SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD A LETTER OF  
2 SUPPORT?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

5

6 **CAROL CHODROFF:** THAT WAS SIGNED BY--

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE YOU LIKE TO  
9 SUPPORT, PLEASE DO. RIGHT BEHIND YOU, PAUL. YOU GOT SOME MORE.

10

11 **FRANCISCO CARRILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

14

15 **FRANCISCO CARRILLO:** MY NAME IS FRANCISCO, I'M A RECENT LOYOLA  
16 MARYMOUNT STUDENT. I'M A RECENT FATHER AND ALSO AN EXONEREE.  
17 WHEN I WAS 16 YEARS OLD HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I  
18 WAS, BECAUSE OF A LINEAGE, A LINE OF JUST ERRORS, I WAS  
19 WRONGFULLY ACCUSED OF A CRIME I DIDN'T COMMIT AND EVENTUALLY  
20 FACING THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. MY FIRST STOP IN JUSTICE WAS IN  
21 THE 707 HEARING IN THE COMPTON COURTHOUSE WHERE I WAS ASSIGNED  
22 A PANEL ATTORNEY TO PRESENT MY CASE. ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN MANY,  
23 MANY YEARS I CAN REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY OF THE SORT OF  
24 POWERLESS AND MY VOICE WAS SORT OF VACANT AT THAT TIME. I WAS  
25 FOUND UNFIT AND I WAS THEN SENTENCED TO SUPERIOR COURT SYSTEM

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1 AND ULTIMATELY I WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO  
2 LIFE IN PRISON. SHE FOCUSED ON THE HEARING THAT WE'RE TALKING  
3 ABOUT HERE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL IF THE ATTORNEY WHO  
4 WAS ASSIGNED TO ME-- I'M GRATEFUL HE WAS THERE TO REPRESENT  
5 ME-- WOULD HAVE HAD THE RESOURCES TO POSSIBLY MAYBE DO A  
6 SOCIAL HISTORY ON ME? MAYBE AT THE SAME TIME INTERVIEW MY  
7 FAMILY, MAYBE UNTANGLE THE CASE, MAYBE HAVE THE RIGHT SORT OF  
8 TOOLS TO BETTER REPRESENT ME. ULTIMATELY THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN.  
9 AND AFTER 20 YEARS OF INCARCERATION, THE JUSTICE THAT I WAS  
10 LOOKING FOR FINALLY CAME. AND THROUGH ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO  
11 TO THE DAY, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IN LOS ANGELES MADE THOSE  
12 FINDINGS AFTER ALL THESE YEARS THAT I WAS NOT ONLY INNOCENT  
13 BUT THAT THERE WERE MANY ISSUES THAT WENT WRONG ON MY CASE.  
14 I'M HERE TODAY TO LEND MY VOICE TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT CASE. I  
15 FEEL SORT OF ROBBED MANY, MANY YEARS AGO ESPECIALLY AS A CHILD  
16 THAT I WASN'T TAKEN SERIOUS, THAT MY LIFE WASN'T TAKEN  
17 SERIOUS, OR THAT MY ATTORNEY DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER TOOLS AND  
18 RESOURCES TO EVALUATE MY LIFE AND POSSIBLY I COULD ONLY WONDER  
19 IF THAT WAS IN PLACE BACK THEN, IF THAT WOULD HAVE ALLEVIATED  
20 THE SUFFERING I WENT THROUGH AS WELL AS MY FAMILY. SO THANK  
21 YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JENNY GONZALEZ AND JABRIEL  
24 MUHAMMAD. PLEASE JOIN US. NEXT?

25

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1   **MELLO DESIRE:** HI, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I NEITHER OPPOSE  
2   NOR FAVOR THE MOTION FOR ANY MORE PUBLIC DEFENDERS BECAUSE AT  
3   THE END OF THE DAY, WHEN A JUVENILE DOES ENTER INTO THE  
4   SYSTEM, IT IS DESIGNED FOR THEM TO STAY IN THE SYSTEM BECAUSE  
5   IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY. THESE KIDS RECEIVE MORE MONEY IF THEY  
6   STAY IN JAIL. SO THE DEFENSE THAT THEY NEED MORE FUNDING FOR  
7   PUBLIC DEFENDERS OR WHETHER PANEL ATTORNEYS OR CLASS ATTORNEYS  
8   ARE GETTING LESS FUNDING OR YOU WANT JUST ONE CONTRACT, AT THE  
9   END OF THE DAY, IT'S ABOUT THE CHILD. AND NOBODY THINKS ABOUT  
10   THE CHILD. AND THE CHILD COMES FROM COMPTON, WATTS, EAST L.A.,  
11   BOYLE HEIGHTS, MACARTHUR PARK, INGLEWOOD, SOUTH CENTRAL, THEIR  
12   SPAN AND THEIR LIFESTYLE AND THE RESOURCES THAT ARE THERE IN  
13   THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT ENDS THEM UP INTO THE SYSTEM IN THE  
14   FIRST PLACE IS NOT BEING CATERED TO. SO WHY WOULD WE GO EVEN  
15   ANY FURTHER TO HELP THEIR CASE IN COURT? MOST OFTEN, I WANT TO  
16   PRESENT FOR THE PREVENTATIVE MEASURE OF HAVING THEM EVEN  
17   ARRIVE IN THAT AREA, WHICH IS WHY I'M FOR PERFORMING ARTS AS A  
18   REHABILITATION AND A SERIOUS ONE, TOO, BECAUSE BEFORE A CHILD  
19   CAN EVEN COMMIT A CRIME OR EVEN THINK ABOUT SOMETHING  
20   NEGATIVE, THEY HAVE TO HAVE SOME TYPE OF FOUNDATION. AND IF  
21   THESE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SUFFERING WITH NOTHING FOR THESE KIDS  
22   TO DO ANYTHING POSITIVE, EVENTUALLY THIS IS WHERE THEY END UP.  
23   AND THEY END UP INTO THIS SYSTEM. AND THESE CHILDREN ARE TOO  
24   YOUNG TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. AND IN THE CASE OF ANTONIA CASA,  
25   SHE CAME HERE BECAUSE SHE REPRESENTS MANY, MANY OF THE MOTHERS



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1 WHO LOSE THEIR CHILDREN TO THE JUVENILE SYSTEM WHERE THE KIDS  
2 ARE MENTALLY TURNED AND TRAUMATIZED AND THEY STAY IN THE  
3 SYSTEM EVEN IN THEIR ADULthood. SO MY PURPOSE IN SPEAKING ON  
4 THIS MOTION IS REALLY ON DEFENSE OF THE CHILD WHO IS SUFFERING  
5 IN THE END, WHICH NOBODY REALLY CARES.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

8

9 **JENNY GONZALEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS JENNY GONZALEZ. AND I'M HERE TO  
10 EXPRESS MY OPINION AND I HAVE A BROTHER IN JUVENILE HALL WHO  
11 CAME THROUGH COURT. HE HAD A CASE. AND HE WAS FACING OVER 50  
12 YEARS WITH HIS FIRST ATTORNEY HE HAD IN JUVENILE HALL. AND THE  
13 ATTORNEY, I DON'T KNOW IF HE DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT RESOURCES,  
14 BECAUSE HE DIDN'T TRY HARDER TO DO HIS JOB, SENTENCED TO ADULT  
15 COURT WHERE THEY WERE GIVING HIM OVER 50 YEARS. IN ADULT  
16 COURT, THERE WAS AN ATTORNEY WHO WORKED REALLY HARD WITH  
17 DIFFERENT PEOPLE. HE SPOKE TO TEACHERS. HE INTERVIEWED SOCIAL  
18 WORK, LIKE HE HAD MORE PEOPLE TO WORK WITH, AND NOW MY BROTHER  
19 IS COMING HOME IN LESS THAN A YEAR. AND IT'S SAD BECAUSE THAT  
20 COULD HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF HIS LIFE THROWN AWAY.  
21 NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU OVER HERE, I OVERHEAR PARENTS,  
22 SIBLINGS, LIKE I'M SPEAKING OVER FOR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND  
23 COUSINS WHO BECAUSE THEIR ATTORNEYS DON'T HAVE I BELIEVE THE  
24 RIGHT RESOURCES, THE HELP, THEY DON'T HAVE THE STRETCH TO ASK  
25 FOR HELP TO OTHERS, THERE'S KIDS OUT THERE THAT HAVE BEEN

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1 SENTENCED AND ARE STILL GOING TO BE SENTENCED FOR A LONG  
2 PERIOD OF TIME OF YEARS. MAYBE THEY DID COMMIT A CRIME. I'M  
3 NOT SAYING THEY'RE INNOCENT. BUT THEIR SENTENCE COULD  
4 EXTREMELY AND POSSIBLY BE WAY LESS THAN 60 YEARS, LIFE, 90  
5 PLUS. IT COULD BE MAYBE EIGHT, MAYBE SIX, MAYBE ONE. IT DOES  
6 NOT MATTER. IT'S NOT FAIR, AND I THINK SOMETHING SHOULD BE  
7 DONE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR  
12 BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. WE THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT, WE  
13 SECOND, WE THIRD, WE FOURTH, WE FIFTH, WE SIXTH ON THIS MOTION  
14 BY SUPERVISOR THOMAS. WE COME TO KNOW THE DAY THAT SUCH A  
15 PARALLEL EXISTS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION. 97  
16 PERCENT-- WAS REPORTED TO ME TODAY WAS THAT 97 PERCENT OF OUR  
17 YOUTH HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL.  
18 YOU TOLD ME 97 PERCENT OF OUR YOUTH, BY THE REPORTS GIVEN TO  
19 ME BY THE MEMBERS WHO CAME HERE AND SPOKE, THAT 97 PERCENT OF  
20 OUR YOUTH NEED TO BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY BECAUSE IT'S BEEN  
21 SUBSTANTIATED THAT THEY'RE BEING INEFFECTIVELY ASSISTED BY  
22 THEIR COUNSELS. FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE. FAILURE TO FILE PROPER  
23 REPORTS. FAILURE TO BE PROPERLY REPRESENTED. SO ANYTHING THAT  
24 WILL SHORE UP JUSTICE, WE HAVE TO BE IN FAVOR OF. AND WE ARE  
25 IN FAVOR OF THIS TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE. NOW THE MENTION OF THE

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1 BUDGET, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE RECOGNIZE WHERE THE SO TO  
2 SPEAK DISEASES EXIST SO THAT WE CAN ADMINISTRATE AND HEAL  
3 WHERE THE SICKNESS LIES. AND HERE AGAIN IT'S A BIG CANCER, 97  
4 PERCENT OF OUR CITIZENS, YOUNG OR OLD, AND IT SEEMS AS IF THIS  
5 DISPARATES THE ADULT JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION. SO INEFFECTIVE  
6 ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IS A BIG ONE. AND ANYTHING THAT ATTACKS  
7 THAT, WE HAVE TO BE MAJORLY IN FAVOR OF. AND THIS GOES  
8 NATIONAL. THIS IS A NATIONAL CRISIS. NOT JUST LOCAL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN? THANKS VERY MUCH. AND I WANT  
13 TO BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY. I  
14 TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT EACH PERSON, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF  
15 ONE WHO DID TESTIFY, VOICED THEIR AFFIRMATIVE SENTIMENTS  
16 REGARDING THIS RATHER IMPORTANT ITEM. THIS IS ABOUT JUVENILE  
17 JUSTICE. IT IS ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.  
18 IT IS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF CHILDREN. WE HAD HEARD ONE  
19 TESTIMONY THAT SUGGESTED THAT SOME 20 YEARS WAS TAKEN OWING TO  
20 AN INEFFECTIVE SYSTEM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ONE OF THE  
21 LARGEST JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN THE NATION. WE KNOW THAT.  
22 THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE CHILDREN IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE  
23 SYSTEM, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THEY HAVE MENTAL AND/OR MENTAL  
24 HEALTH AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT  
25 THE COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY WHEN CHILDREN FIRST ENTER THE

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PROPERLY DIAGNOSE THEIR MENTAL  
2 HEALTH AND EVALUATE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LEARNING  
3 DISABILITY. CHILDREN CHARGED WITH CRIMES ARE NOT ONLY ENTITLED  
4 TO COMPETENT REPRESENTATION BUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID THE  
5 PRISON PIPELINE IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE TO DO SO. AND IT  
6 WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER  
7 THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, TO EVALUATE ITS INDIGENT JUVENILE  
8 DEFENSE SYSTEM. WE'RE CALLED UPON TO DO THAT. WE HAVE AN  
9 OBLIGATION TO DO THAT. IT IS ESSENTIALLY ENSCONCED IN THE 14TH  
10 AMENDMENT TO OUR CONSTITUTION, SOMEONE DESCRIBED IT AS DUE  
11 PROCESS, TO ASSESS WHETHER MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND/OR AN  
12 EDUCATIONAL DISABILITY EVALUATION COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOT  
13 JUST IN THE DISPOSITION OF A CRIMINAL CASE BUT, IN EFFECT,  
14 BEHAVING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF COMMUNITIES, THAT IS TO AVOID  
15 THE EXPANSION, THE DEEPENING OF THE PRISON PIPELINE. THERE ARE  
16 MANY WAYS TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, BUT WE CANNOT GET THERE  
17 WITHOUT HAVING THE RIGHT INFORMATION. SO THIS MOTION  
18 ESSENTIALLY SEEKS THAT INFORMATION. IT IS ABOUT GETTING THE  
19 BOARD WHAT IT NEEDS. IT IS ABOUT DUE DILIGENCE. IT IS ABOUT A  
20 FAIR EVALUATION TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE FACTS THAT SUPPORT  
21 CREATING AN INDIGENT JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT IS NOT ONLY  
22 JUST, NOT ONLY FAIR BUT IT ALSO TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE  
23 IMPACT THAT UNDIAGNOSED AND UNTREATED MENTAL HEALTH AND  
24 LEARNING DISABILITIES IS FEEDING WHAT WE DESCRIBE AS THE  
25 PRISON PIPELINE. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WISH TO DO. WE CAN DO

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1 BETTER. WE SHOULD DO BETTER. THE MOTION IS EXPLICIT IN TERMS  
2 OF ITS REFERENCES TO YOUNG PEOPLE. IT IS EXPLICIT WITH ITS  
3 REFERENCE TO YOUTH DEFENDANTS. IT IS EXPLICIT WITH ITS  
4 REFERENCE TO JUVENILE DEFENDANTS. IT MAKES CLEAR THAT WE ARE  
5 CONCERNED ABOUT CHILDREN AT RISK. AND IT IS ULTIMATELY CALLING  
6 FOR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHIEF  
7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO HIRE THE APPROPRIATE, RETAIN THE  
8 APPROPRIATE ENTITIES TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S  
9 JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM AND WE SPECIFY WHAT COULD  
10 THEN BE DONE TO MAKE MATTERS BETTER. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE  
11 IT BETTER, MAKE IT MORE FAIR, MAKE IT MORE JUST FOR THESE  
12 YOUNG PEOPLE. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST AN AYE  
13 VOTE ON THE MATTER THAT IS BEFORE US.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN? I'D LIKE TO OFFER A FRIENDLY  
16 AMENDMENT THAT WE MOVE THAT THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT INCLUDE  
17 THE TREND OF THE FILINGS WHAT THE TRENDS HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST  
18 FIVE YEARS AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COUNTY COST OF DEFENSE FOR  
19 JUVENILES FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC  
20 DEFENDER AND THE PANEL ATTORNEYS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I INTERPRET THAT AS A  
23 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND WOULD BE GLAD TO ACCEPT THAT.

24

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THIS ISSUE IS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE, AN  
2    IMPORTANT ONE. AND I'M GLAD SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS  
3    ADDRESSING IT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE MOTION IS SET UP IN A WAY  
4    THAT I CAN'T SUPPORT AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT BECAUSE  
5    IT LOOKS AT MORE OF A COMPENSATION ISSUE. PAYING LAWYERS MORE  
6    DOES NOT GET YOU BETTER REPRESENTATION. I WISH IT DID. I HAVE  
7    BEEN WATCHING THIS JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SINCE I WAS 20 AND  
8    WORKING IN CASA MARAVILLA, AS A GANG WORKER AND COMMUNITY  
9    ORGANIZER, AND I SAW THE MISREPRESENTATION OR THE LACK OF  
10   REPRESENTATION OF MANY OF THESE CHILDREN. WATCHING IT HERE IN  
11   OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN PAINFUL. BUT I DO KNOW  
12   THAT A CHILD USUALLY IS NOT IN OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT UNLESS  
13   USUALLY IT'S A THIRD OFFENSE ON AVERAGE UNLESS IT'S A VERY  
14   SERIOUS CRIME. BUT WE'RE REALLY MISSING THE POINT HERE. AND I  
15   DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
16   THOMAS'S MOTION, BUT THE MOTION IS BASICALLY FOCUSED TO HAVE A  
17   CONSULTANT LOOK AT THE COMPENSATION ASPECT. CERTAINLY THERE'S  
18   IMPROVEMENTS THAT SHOULD BE MADE. BUT ONE OF THE STARTLING  
19   THINGS THAT HAS COME ACROSS OUR DESK, AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU  
20   ALL HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT, IT WAS A REPORT THAT  
21   WAS ISSUED BY JUDGE NASH CALLED JUVENILE COURT DELINQUENCY  
22   STANDARDS OF REPRESENTATION. IT'S A DRAFT REPORT. IT IS  
23   ENDLESS. AND IT GOES ON TO A SERIES OF, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE  
24   300 RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXACTLY WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING? BUT  
25   WHAT JUDGE NASH DID, HE SAID THE WORD "MUST." IN HERE IT SAYS

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1 COUNSEL "SHOULD" READ. DIDN'T SAY MUST READ. THE PAPERWORK.  
2 COUNSEL "SHOULD" CONSIDER. COUNSEL "SHOULD" ASCERTAIN. COUNSEL  
3 "SHOULD" HAVE RELEASES READY. COUNSEL "SHOULD" SPEAK TO THE  
4 YOUTH. COUNSEL "SHOULD" EXPLAIN. INSTEAD OF MUST. SO, THESE  
5 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE EXCELLENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO REALLY CREATE  
6 A BETTER QUALITY REPRESENTATION, SO WE SHOULD ADOPT THESE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS OR INCLUDE THESE IN THE REPORT; AND INSTEAD OF  
8 SAYING "SHOULD", IT SHOULD BE "MUST" IF YOU WANT TO UPGRADE IF  
9 QUALITY OF THE LAWYERING AND THE ADVOCACY THAT'S GOING ON. AND  
10 THEN WITH IT, WE GET A LETTER FROM RONALD L. BROWN, THE PUBLIC  
11 DEFENDER, I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE READ IT, AND HE SAYS  
12 "JUDGE NASH, GOOD IDEA BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT." THAT IS  
13 THE PROBLEM. SO YOU HAVE SOMEBODY WHO HAS STUDIED THIS ISSUE  
14 AND IS TALKING ABOUT-- THERE'S NOBODY WHO SUPERVISES THESE  
15 PANEL ATTORNEYS. UNLESS YOU HAVE A GOOD JUDGE WHO SITS THERE  
16 AND SAYS "HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR CLIENT? HAVE YOU BROUGHT ON  
17 ALL THE PAPERWORK? HAVE YOU LOOKED UP HIS FILE? " MOST JUDGES  
18 HAVE 25 TO 30 CASES BEFORE LUNCHTIME. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY THEY  
19 GO THROUGH THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I WATCHED ONE CASE  
20 RECENTLY THAT WAS JUST HORRIFYING TO ME OF A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL  
21 THAT WAS-- SHE WAS MARKED AS A SEXUAL PREDATOR. AND WHEN I  
22 READ THAT CASE AND I LOOKED AT THE LAWYERING INVOLVED WITH IT,  
23 THEY PLEADED DOWN FROM AN ASSAULT CASE TO A PREDATOR CASE.  
24 NOW, WHY YOU'D DO THAT, I DON'T KNOW. SO THIS POOR 15-YEAR-OLD  
25 WAS NOW MARKED AS A PREDATOR. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS CASE,



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1 SHE DIDN'T DESERVE ANY OF THOSE TWO KIND OF OUTCOMES, BUT-- SO  
2 THIS IS WHAT WE GOT TO DO, MARK, SO I WOULD CREATE A FRIENDLY  
3 MOTION AND SAY: ACCEPT ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT JUDGE NASH  
4 HAS PUT TOGETHER THROUGH THIS PANEL, CHANGE "SHOULD" SAYING"  
5 SHOULD DO TO "TO" MUST DO." ASK MR. BROWN TO FIGURE OUT WHAT  
6 IT'S GOING TO COST TO PROVIDE QUALITY AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER AND  
7 NOT SIT HERE AND SAY "THESE ARE OUR WARDS, THESE ARE OUR  
8 CHILDREN, THE PEOPLE ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT ABOUT THE FACT  
9 THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. WE ARE HARMING  
10 THESE KIDS EVERY SINGLE DAY BY SOMETHING WE CALL DUE PROCESS  
11 AROUND HERE THAT IS NOT DUE PROCESS AT ALL WHEN THEY'RE PLED  
12 OUT TO THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT ARE PLED OUT. SO IF WE WANT TO  
13 BE COMPREHENSIVE, GO BACK TO MR. BROWN AND ASK HIM: WHAT'S IT  
14 GOING TO COST TO DO IT RIGHT? INCLUDE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.  
15 AND INSTEAD OF "SHOULD DO" SAY" MUST DO" AND THEN I THINK WE  
16 HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO REVAMP AND HAVE ADVOCACY THAT  
17 REALLY COUNTS. I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO DO THESE.  
18 THESE ARE VERY SOLID RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAKE SENSE. SO I  
19 WOULD AMEND IT TO INCLUDE THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT COULD BE STUDIED, RIGHT? BECAUSE I  
22 WOULDN'T BE PREPARED TO CHANGE MUST TO SHOULD OR CHANGE SHOULD  
23 TO MUST BECAUSE I'VE NOT SEEN THE WHOLE SET OF  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT IT SHOULD BE PART OF THE MIX.

25

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** IT SHOULD BE STUDIED.

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT BEING PART  
4    OF THE MIX?

5

6    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO NOT. I DO WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT  
7    THE MOTION EXPLICATES THE POINT THAT WE WANT A COMPARATIVE  
8    ANALYSIS OF PER- CASE COST BORNE BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE  
9    ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND JUVENILE PANEL ATTORNEYS. IT'S  
10   VERY EXPLICIT THAT IT WANTS A REVIEW OF METHODS OF SPECIALIZED  
11   TRAINING, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, SUPERVISION, MENTORING  
12   AND SUPPORT, EVALUATION, THE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION  
13   INCENTIVES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE EMPLOYED BY  
14   THE ABOVE STATED ENTITIES. IT WANTS A REVIEW OF METHODS OF  
15   SPECIALIZED TRAINING, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND THE LIKE,  
16   AND CAUSING THOSE TO CONFORM TO NATIONAL STANDARDS. THIS IS  
17   ESSENTIALLY GOING TO THE HEART OF WHAT WE MEAN BY  
18   REPRESENTATION AND THE QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION, WITHOUT  
19   CONDEMNING ANY OF THE PRACTITIONERS INVOLVED. WE CAN AND  
20   SHOULD DO BETTER. NONE OF THE AMENDING MOTIONS ARE  
21   INCONSISTENT WITH THE THRUST OF WHAT WE SEEK TO ACCOMPLISH  
22   HERE IN TERMS OF REVIEWING THE JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE  
23   SYSTEM WITH AN EYE TOWARD MAKING SURE THAT DEFENDANTS GET A  
24   FAIR SHAKE, THAT THE DEFENDANTS ARE ADEQUATELY, THAT IS TO  
25   SAY, COMPETENTLY REPRESENTED. MR. CHAIRMAN?

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I SECOND WITH THE FRIENDLY  
4 AMENDMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
5 ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT? IF NOT, SO ORDERED. THANK  
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 39. WE HAVE STAFF REPORT, PLEASE.

11

12 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** HI, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF DR. KATZ, I'M DR.  
13 CHRISTINA GALLI, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING,  
14 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THEREFORE THE REPORT OF  
15 THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 HEALTH SERVICES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION. IF  
19 YOU COULD LEAVE QUIETLY, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

20

21 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** SO AS WE'VE DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS  
22 PRESENTATIONS, OUR OVERALL GOAL WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
23 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS  
24 TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE CALL OUR MODIFIED TRIPLE AIM ACROSS THE  
25 DEPARTMENT AND THAT'S TO DELIVER MORE CARE OF A BETTER AND

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1 HIGHER QUALITY WITHIN OUR EXISTING RESOURCES. FOR A FEW  
2 SPECIFICS, AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2013, WE CLOSED OUT THE  
3 HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM, EXCEEDING OUR GOAL OF ENROLLING  
4 300,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH A FINAL ENROLLMENT AS OF THE END OF  
5 DECEMBER AT 304,000 INDIVIDUALS. THOSE NUMBERS ARE CONTINUALLY  
6 CHANGING BECAUSE APPLICATIONS THAT WERE SUBMITTED THROUGHOUT  
7 THE LATE PERIODS OF 2013, SUCH AS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ARE  
8 CONTINUALLY BEING PROCESSED SO WE WILL EXPECT THAT THE FINAL  
9 ENROLLMENT IN HEALTHY WAY L.A. TO STILL RISE A LITTLE BIT OVER  
10 THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS AS THOSE APPLICATIONS ARE COMPLETED.  
11 AUTOMATICALLY AS OF JANUARY 1ST, 2014, THE VAST MAJORITY OF  
12 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE ENROLLED IN HEALTHY WAY L.A. WERE  
13 TRANSITIONED SEAMLESSLY INTO MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE. AND YOU  
14 CAN SEE BEFORE YOU THE ENROLLMENT INTO MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE  
15 AS OF JANUARY 30TH AT THE END OF THE MONTH, WE HAD  
16 APPROXIMATELY 296,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD BEEN ENROLLED IN  
17 HEALTHY WAY L.A. THAT WERE TRANSITIONED OVER INTO MEDI-CAL  
18 MANAGED CARE. THERE IS A FEW OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE  
19 EITHER WILL TEMPORARILY BE IN FEE FOR SERVICE MEDI-CAL OR ARE  
20 SHIFTING OVER TO MEDICARE, BUT THE VAST MAJORITY AGAIN ARE IN  
21 MANAGED CARE. AS FAR AS THE LIVES THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO D.H.S.,  
22 AS OF JANUARY 1ST, WE HAD ABOUT 145,000 LIVES THAT PREVIOUSLY  
23 WERE IN THE HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM THAT WERE THEN  
24 TRANSITIONED TO D.H.S. ABOUT A LITTLE LESS THAN HALF OF THOSE  
25 WERE WITH HEALTH NET AND SLIGHTLY OVER HALF WERE WITH L.A.

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1 CARE. YOUR BOARD PREVIOUSLY HAS ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON STATE  
2 WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE A.C.A. IN THIS REGARD, COVERED  
3 CALIFORNIA HAD APPROXIMATELY HALF A MILLION INDIVIDUALS  
4 ENROLLED IN COVERED CALIFORNIA AS OF THE END OF DECEMBER 2013  
5 THAT HAD SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS. THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ARE  
6 ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL SUBSIDIES. A MINORITY ARE NOT SUBSIDY  
7 ELIGIBLE. AS FAR AS MEDI-CAL ENROLLMENT, NEW MEDI-CAL  
8 ENROLLMENT IS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1.2 MILLION  
9 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EITHER ELIGIBLE OR HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO  
10 BE ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE COVERED CALIFORNIA APPLICATION PROCESS  
11 AND THEN WILL BE SHIFTED OVER TO MEDI-CAL ABOUT 630,000 OF  
12 THOSE WERE PREVIOUSLY IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES' LOW INCOME HEALTH  
13 PROGRAMS AND ABOUT 600,000 WERE DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE  
14 THROUGH COVERED CALIFORNIA. AND I WOULD MENTION THAT JUST LESS  
15 THAN HALF OF THE L.I.P. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE  
16 HEALTHY WAY L.A. PROGRAM, SO L.A. HAD QUITE A LARGE AMOUNT OF  
17 SUCCESS IN THE L.I.P.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD I ASK ONE QUESTION? YOU HAD ONE  
20 SLIDE BACK ABOUT THE D.H.S. ASSIGNED LIVES AS OF 1/1/ 14?  
21 65,000 WITH HEALTH NET AND 80,000 WITH L.A. CARE? IS THAT THE  
22 COMBINED TOTAL, THEN? IS THAT INSIDE THE 296,000?

23  
24 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** YES.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

2

3    **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE WITH COMMUNITY  
4    PARTNERS. AND THEN THEIR PRIMARY CARE MEDICAL HOME WOULD STILL  
5    BE WITH THE COMMUNITY CLINIC OR THEY OPTED FOR A PROVIDER  
6    ELSEWHERE.

7

8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10    **CHRISTINA GALLI:** AS FAR AS THE LOS ANGELES STORY WITH COVERED  
11    CALIFORNIA, L.A. WAS PROJECTED TO HAVE AN ENROLLMENT BY MARCH  
12    OF ABOUT 177,000 INDIVIDUALS. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT  
13    132,000 INDIVIDUALS IN L.A. COUNTY, ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF THE  
14    GOAL THAT HAD ALREADY ENROLLED IN COVERED CALIFORNIA. WE MAKE  
15    UP ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION THAT'S DETERMINED TO BE  
16    ELIGIBLE FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA AND HAVE ABOUT 26 PERCENT OF  
17    THE STATEWIDE ENROLLMENT. FOCUSING NOW ON D.H.S.-SPECIFIC  
18    INITIATIVES, I'LL TALK THROUGH A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS  
19    THAT WE HAVE UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICES  
20    THAT WE PROVIDE TO PATIENTS.

21

22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD I GO BACK AGAIN? SO ARE WE  
23    COMPETING WITH COVERED CALIFORNIA OR ARE WE ONE AND THE SAME?

24

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1   **CHRISTINA GALLI:** WE ARE NOT COMPETING WITH COVERED CALIFORNIA.  
2   THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT A PROVIDER IN THE  
3   COVERED CALIFORNIA NETWORK.

4

5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WITH HEALTHY WAY L.A.? I MEAN WITH  
6   OUR 300,000.

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8   **CHRISTINA GALLI:** NO. THOSE INDIVIDUALS SHIFTED INTO MEDI-CAL.  
9   AND THEY'RE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COVERED CALIFORNIA FOR SUBSIDIES.

10

11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

12

13   **CHRISTINA GALLI:** SO AS FAR AS OUR OUTPATIENT SERVICES, WE HAVE  
14   A FOUR-TIERED MODEL OF OUTPATIENT SERVICE DELIVERY. AS YOU  
15   MOVE DOWN THIS SLIDE, IT FOCUSES ON INCREASING THE EMPHASIS ON  
16   CONTINUITY OF CARE, SHIFTING AWAY FROM EPISODIC-BASED VISITS,  
17   FOCUSING ON ENHANCING THE PATIENTS PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP. SO  
18   WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, PURE EMERGENCY CARE OFFERED IN OUR  
19   EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, URGENT CARE SERVICES FOR WHEN PATIENTS  
20   ENCOUNTER ONE TIME OR TIME LIMITED ISSUES THAT CAN BEST BE  
21   SEEN IN URGENT CARE. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING OUT A  
22   SYSTEM OF CONTINUING CARE CLINICS WHO CAN TAKE CARE OF  
23   INDIVIDUALS ON AN ONGOING BASIS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO BE  
24   EMPANELED OR DO NOT REQUIRE EMPANELMENT AND THEN THE VAST  
25   MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS FOR OUTPATIENT CARE WE ARE WORKING TO

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1 SEE THEM IN OUR PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES. AND CURRENTLY  
2 WE HAVE OVER 300,000 PATIENTS EMPANELED IN OUR PATIENT-  
3 CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE P.C.M.H.S ARE TO  
4 IMPROVE COORDINATION, IMPROVE ACCESS AND THE TIMELINESS OF  
5 CARE WITH A GOAL TOWARD OPEN AND SAME-DAY ACCESS AND PROVIDING  
6 CARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME TO DECREASE COSTLY  
7 UTILIZATION OF E.D. AND INPATIENT SERVICES. THE GOAL FOR THE  
8 AMBULATORY CARE NETWORK IS 144 PATIENT CENTERED HOMES. THEY  
9 ARE PROGRESSING VERY WELL ON FULL STAFFING OF THAT MODEL. WE  
10 ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING 50, APPROXIMATELY 50  
11 PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES IN OUR HOSPITAL BASED CLINICS  
12 WHICH ARE LARGELY RELYING ON RESIDENT TEACHING MODELS. THE  
13 A.C.N. HAS COMPLETED AS OF THE FALL THEIR PATIENT CENTERED  
14 SCHEDULING SYSTEM, WHICH HELPS TO PROVIDE OPEN ACCESS AND  
15 SAME-DAY-- IN THE A.C.N.? AND WE'RE ALSO ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF  
16 THE WAY THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF PATIENT-CENTERED SCHEDULING  
17 AND HOSPITAL-BASED CLINICS.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SORRY ABOUT THAT.

20  
21 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THAT'S OKAY. WE ARE ALSO JUST IMPLEMENTING A  
22 SYSTEM FOR PROSPECTIVE EMPANELMENT OF NON-MANAGED CARE  
23 PATIENTS. SO ACCORDING TO STATE MANDATES, ALL PATIENTS IN A  
24 MANAGED CARE PLAN ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MEDICAL HOME AND THEY  
25 WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EMPANELED INTO THE SYSTEM IF THEY CHOOSE



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1 D.H.S. AS THEIR PROVIDER. FOR PATIENTS THAT ARE NOT IN A  
2 MANAGED-CARE PLAN, THERE IS A SINGLE PROCESS FOR CHANNELING A  
3 REQUEST FOR EMPANELMENT INTO OUR PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL  
4 HOMES. AND THAT PROCESS WORKS FROM ALL VENUES. FROM THE  
5 INPATIENT SETTING, THE E.D., THE URGENT CARE, THE SPECIALTY  
6 CLINICS AND PROVIDERS CAN SUBMIT REQUESTS, SHARE INFORMATION  
7 ABOUT THE PATIENT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THEM EMPANELED. WE'RE  
8 PROGRESSING THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PHONE SYSTEM TO BE  
9 ABLE TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS CAN BE RAPIDLY MOVED THROUGH A  
10 SENSIBLE CALL SYSTEM WITH QUICK ACCESS AND BETTER ABILITY TO  
11 BE ABLE TO MONITOR PHONE WAIT TIMES. IT'S CURRENTLY IN PLACE  
12 AT ALL 19 OF OUR A.C.N. CLINICS AND ALSO AT LOMITA FAMILY  
13 HEALTH CENTER AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF ROLLING IT OUT TO THE  
14 HOSPITALS. E-CONSULT CONTINUES TO BE A SUCCESS STORY FOR  
15 D.H.S. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS SO FAR. THE  
16 LATEST DATA IS LISTED HERE ON THE SLIDE WITH ABOUT 56,000  
17 VISITS AS OF THE END OF JANUARY AND STILL A RESPONSE TIME OF  
18 LESS THAN THREE DAYS. THERE'S ABOUT 1500 SUBMITTING PROVIDERS  
19 20 SPECIALTIES LIVE ON E-CONSULT. YOU CAN SEE HERE JUST ONE  
20 SNAPSHOT IN TIME. THE RESULT LARGELY BUT NOT ENTIRELY DUE TO  
21 E-CONSULT AT HIGH DESERT HEALTH SYSTEM, ON THE SPECIALTY CARE  
22 WAIT TIMES. THIS IS DATA FROM THE SECOND QUARTER OF THE FISCAL  
23 YEAR EACH YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS SO SHOWING OCTOBER THROUGH  
24 DECEMBER DATA. AND YOU CAN SEE HOW THE DATA FOR PREVIOUS YEARS  
25 IN THE GREEN WAS QUITE HIGH FOR SEVERAL SPECIALTIES AND RIGHT

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1 NOW THE WAIT TIME MOST RECENTLY LISTED IN ORANGE HAS DECLINED  
2 IN EVERY CLINIC THAT WE'VE SEEN AT HIGH DESERT. WE'VE SEEN  
3 SIMILAR RESULTS AT OTHER CLINICS ACROSS THE SYSTEM. AS FAR AS  
4 NEXT STEPS FOR E-CONSULT, OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, WE'LL BE  
5 BRINGING ON ABOUT 100 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS FROM  
6 THE COMMUNITY PARTNER CLINICS ONTO E-CONSULT. ALL OF THE  
7 D.H.S. EMERGENCY ROOMS AND URGENT CARE SITES WILL ALSO BE  
8 BROUGHT ONLINE AND WILL BE ONLINE BY THE END OF THE SPRING  
9 2014. AND THEN THERE'S ABOUT 11 REMAINING SPECIALTIES THAT  
10 WILL BE BROUGHT ONTO E-CONSULT BY THE END OF JUNE 2014, AS  
11 WELL. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER INITIATIVES FOCUSED ON  
12 ENHANCING SPECIALTY CARE. IT'S NOT FULLY FOCUSED ON E-CONSULT.  
13 I LISTED ONE EXAMPLE HERE OF OUR TELE-RETINAL SCREENING  
14 PROGRAM. THIS IS A PROGRAM WHERE PATIENTS WITH DIABETES WHO  
15 REQUIRE ANNUAL SCREENINGS FOR DIABETIC RETINOPATHY CAN HAVE A  
16 PICTURE TAKEN OF THEIR RETINA AND THEN HAVE THAT PICTURE  
17 VIEWED BY A PROVIDER IN A CLINIC. AND FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF  
18 PATIENTS LISTED HERE, ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE PATIENTS, THEIR  
19 PICTURE THAT'S TAKEN IN THE CLINIC IS SUCH THAT THEY DO NOT  
20 HAVE ANY RISK OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY AND THEY DO NOT NEED TO  
21 BE REFERRED TO OPHTHALMOLOGY. THIS IS BETTER FOR A PATIENT.  
22 THEY DON'T NEED TO GO TO A VISIT. AND IT'S BETTER FOR OTHER  
23 PATIENTS BECAUSE IT IMPROVES ACCESS TO OUR OPHTHALMOLOGY  
24 APPOINTMENTS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THIS PROGRAM LIVE AT THREE  
25 SITES. AND AS YOU'LL SEE HERE HAVE PLANS TO ROLL IT OUT ACROSS

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1 THE REST OF THE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT 2014. WE'RE ALSO CONTINUING  
2 TO ROLL OUT OUR INTERNAL NURSE REGISTRY. WE HAVE ABOUT 30  
3 RELIEF NURSES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ONTO THE SYSTEM.  
4 CURRENTLY THE PILOT IS SOLELY FOCUSED AT FOCUSED AT  
5 L.A.C.+U.S.C. BUT WE HAVE PLANS TO EXPAND IT TO THE OTHER  
6 FACILITIES OVER THE COMING MONTHS AND IT'S ONE OF THE MAIN  
7 WAYS THAT WE'RE SEEKING TO REDUCE EXTERNAL REGISTRY  
8 UTILIZATION. OUR ORCHID IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE IS ON  
9 SCHEDULE. THEY HAVE COMPLETED ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE DESIGN  
10 AND BUILD PROCESS. WE'RE NOW UNDERGOING A SYSTEMATIC  
11 IDENTIFICATION OF PROCESSES AND POLICIES THAT NEED TO BE  
12 CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE ORCHID IMPLEMENTATION AND HARBOR IS  
13 STILL SCHEDULED TO GO LIVE ON AUGUST 1ST. OUR PHARMACY SYSTEM  
14 OUTPATIENT PHARMACY SYSTEM IS BEING REPLACED. AND WE ARE ALSO  
15 IMPLEMENTING THE CENTRAL FILL PROJECT. HIGH DESERT WAS FIRST.  
16 THEY WENT LIVE IN NOVEMBER 2013. CURRENTLY AT HIGH DESERT WE  
17 HAVE ABOUT 30 TO 40 PERCENT OF THE PRESCRIPTION REFILL VOLUME  
18 THAT'S GOING THROUGH THE VENDOR WHICH HAS HELPED TO REDUCE  
19 WAIT TIMES AND WILL CONTINUE TO HELP TO REDUCE WAIT TIMES IN  
20 THE FUTURE. M.L.K. AND HUMPHREY ARE NEXT TO GO LIVE ON THE  
21 SYSTEM, BUT WE WILL ENSURE THAT WE ARE STABLE WITH THE HIGH  
22 DESERT SYSTEM BEFORE WE PROGRESS TO THE M.L.K. AND HUMPHREY  
23 IMPLEMENTATION. AND FINALLY OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM IS  
24 ANOTHER MAJOR INITIATIVE THAT WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON IN 2014.  
25 THERE'S TWO BRANCHES TO THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE.

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1 FIRST IT'S ON BUILDING OUT NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING  
2 UNITS. THE GOAL BY THE END OF 2014 IS TO HAVE 670 UNITS  
3 ONLINE. AND THEN ALSO THE GOAL TO EXPAND INTERIM HOUSING BEDS,  
4 SO THESE ARE RECUPERATIVE CARE BEDS, RESPITE CARE BEDS, SO  
5 THAT PATIENTS WHO ARE IN INPATIENT BEDS AND CANNOT BE  
6 DISCHARGED HOME BUT DO NOT REQUIRE A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY  
7 CAN HAVE A RESPITE CARE OR RECUPERATIVE CARE BED TO BE  
8 DISCHARGED TO AND HELP TO REDUCE THE LENGTH OF STAY IN THE  
9 HOSPITAL. WE HAVE CURRENTLY 68 BEDS THROUGH CONTRACT AND ARE  
10 IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING ON TWO ADDITIONAL SITES FOR A TOTAL  
11 OF OVER 200 BEDS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THERE ARE SOME OTHER  
12 HIGHLIGHTS LISTED HERE FOR THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH, INCLUDING  
13 OPENING UP A NEW CLINIC IN SKID ROW TO BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE  
14 HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS IN THAT LOCATION. I'D BE HAPPY TO  
15 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ANY.

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE LIGHTS BACK ON. ARE THERE ANY  
18 QUESTIONS? MIKE?

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU AND DR. KATZ, WHEN YOU SHOW THE WAIT  
21 TIME BEING REDUCED FROM 24 WEEKS TO ONE WEEK, WHEN WE TALK  
22 ABOUT THE VARIOUS AILMENTS THAT ARE BEING TREATED SO I WANT TO  
23 COMMEND YOU FOR THAT TYPE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

24  
25 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO THE NEW PHARMACY SYSTEM AT HIGH  
3 DESERT WHICH HAS HAD PROBLEMS, HAVE THEY BEEN RESOLVED AND  
4 HAVE THEY BEEN DOCUMENTED SO THAT THESE ISSUES WON'T BE  
5 EXPERIENCED AS YOU ROLL THE SYSTEM OUT AT THE OTHER COUNTY  
6 FACILITIES?

7

8 **CHRISTINA GALLI:** YES, SIR, THEY HAVE. WE ARE INCREASING THE  
9 NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS THAT ARE SENT OFFSITE VENDOR THROUGH  
10 THE CENTRAL FILL AND ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF SENDING OUR  
11 PRESCRIPTIONS AS PATIENTS GAIN MEDI-CAL TO RETAIL PHARMACIES  
12 WHEN THEIR COVERAGE ALLOWS US TO DO SO. SO THAT HAS HELPED  
13 REDUCE WAIT TIMES. AND WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO IMPLEMENTING THE  
14 MAIL ORDER SYSTEM FOR PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY AT HIGH DESERT AND  
15 ALSO A SYSTEM THAT PATIENTS CAN PHONE IN THEIR PRESCRIPTIONS.  
16 BUT WE'VE SEEN REDUCTION IN WAIT TIMES. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE  
17 LEARN OUR LESSONS BEFORE WE MOVE ON IN THAT ROLLOUT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GREAT. CONGRATULATIONS FOR REDUCING THE WAIT  
20 TIME.

21

22 **CHRISTINA GALLI::** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE, ZEV, GLORIA? ANY  
25 QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE ITEM IS A RECEIVE

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1 AND FILE. AND SO BE THE ORDER. EXCUSE ME, WE DO HAVE SOME  
2 PUBLIC COMMENTS? DID WE? OKAY. OF COURSE. ERIC PREVEN AND  
3 ARNOLD SACHS.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** APPARENTLY IT'S ONE MINUTE BUT I DON'T NEED MUCH  
6 MORE. FIRST OF ALL I'M ALSO INCREDIBLY IMPRESSED BY THESE  
7 REDUCTIONS IN WAIT TIMES. THAT'S ASTONISHING WORK. AND  
8 SOMETHING TO BE VERY PROUD OF AS WE ROLL OUT THE NEW COUNTY  
9 SYSTEM. THE CISCO ON PAGE 14 PIECE IS OF GREAT INTEREST  
10 BECAUSE OF COURSE ARNIE BERGHOFF WHO HAS OBVIOUSLY DONE A  
11 GREAT DEAL FOR L.A. COUNTY IN HELPING THERE IS PROMINENTLY ON  
12 DISPLAY AND I KNOW THAT THEY DO RUN SOME OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE  
13 AND SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS BUT I WASN'T QUITE CLEAR HOW THAT  
14 WORKS. AND ONE DETAIL THAT'S KIND OF JUST A QUESTION FOR  
15 PERHAPS SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I KNOW AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD A  
16 PROBLEM WENT TO THE L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND I THINK THERE WAS  
17 CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED FOR HER AND SHE ENDED  
18 UP GETTING SORT OF A \$45,000 BILL FOR A PROGRAM, AND THIS IS A  
19 WOMAN THAT DOESN'T HAVE A LOT. AND I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW  
20 THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE GIVEN WHAT WE'RE ROLLING OUT. I THOUGHT  
21 SHE MUST NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY ENROLLED. EVERYBODY GETS A  
22 BILL. OKAY. SO IF YOU HAVE A SURGERY-- YOU GET A \$50,000 BILL  
23 AND YOU'VE GOT TO PAY IT OFF.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS. THAT'S WHY WE WANT  
3 PEOPLE NOT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANKS FOR WAKING ME UP.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FEEL FREE TO GO BACK TO SLEEP.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, OF COURSE. WE KNOW WHO'S GOING TO SPEAK THE  
12 TWO MINUTE TIME. BUT I WAS REALLY INTERESTED BECAUSE I BELIEVE  
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS TALKING EARLIER ABOUT HOW SHE WAS  
14 DEALING WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM SINCE IN HER 20S, AND  
15 THERE'S STILL PROBLEMS. SO WHERE YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN? SO ALL OF  
16 A SUDDEN THERE HAS TO BE AN ANSWER HERE BECAUSE THESE PROBLEMS  
17 HAVE BEEN PREVALENT OH, I DON'T KNOW, SINCE THE EARLY '90S,  
18 PROBABLY. THIS HAS ALWAYS HAD PROBLEMS. 20, 25 YEARS AND ALL  
19 OF A SUDDEN THIS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMES IN FROM SAN  
20 FRANCISCO AND WAVES A MAGIC WAND AND YOU ALL GET A CLUE. IT'S  
21 IMPOSSIBLE FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, FOR FIVE OF YOU TO GET A CLUE  
22 AT THE SAME TIME.

23



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. FILE ITEM, SO  
2    ORDERED. LET'S DO ADJOURNMENTS FIRST BEFORE WE DO PUBLIC  
3    COMMENT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE  
6    THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MY AUNT WHO PASSED AWAY SUNDAY  
7    MORNING AT 12:30. SISTER ST. GEORGE, SHE BORN AS ELIZABETH,  
8    EVA ELIZABETH SKURLA, SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE  
9    WOULD HAVE BEEN 88 ON MARCH 5TH. SHE WAS AT SCHOOL IN THE  
10   SECOND GRADE WHEN SHE REALIZED SHE WANTED TO BECOME A NUN. SHE  
11   WAS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AND SHE GRADUATED AT THAT TIME FROM  
12   CATHEDRAL GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN ENTERED THE ST. JOSEPH'S  
13   OF CARONDELET. ON MARCH 19TH SHE WAS RECEIVED INTO THE  
14   CONGREGATION AND THAT'S WHEN HER NAME WAS GIVEN AS SISTER ST.  
15   GEORGE. SHE TAUGHT AT NUMEROUS SCHOOLS, BOTH IN THE LOS  
16   ANGELES COUNTY AND IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE TAUGHT IN SEMINARY AT  
17   THE SAN FERNANDO MISSION, QUEEN OF ANGELS SEMINARY, DANIEL  
18   MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AT MOUNT ST.  
19   MARY'S COLLEGE WHERE SHE HAD A GREAT IMPACT IN MANY OF THE  
20   STUDENTS THAT SHE'S HAD. MANY OF THOSE STUDENTS BOTH FROM THE  
21   ELEMENTARY LEVEL TO THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL HAVE BEEN SITTING ON  
22   OUR JUDICIAL BENCH AND OUR CLASSROOMS, IN THE VATICAN, IN OUR  
23   PARISHES AND SHE WAS A REAL OUTSTANDING, CARING, LOVING  
24   INDIVIDUAL. AND MANY OF YOU HAVE MET HER. AND OUR PRAYERS ARE  
25   WITH HER AND HER FUNERAL WOULD BE NEXT WEEK AT THE MOUNT ST.



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1 MARY'S COLLEGE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
2 MEMORY OF FATHER JOHN BOSCO STONER WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF ST.  
3 ANDREWS ABBEY IN VALYERMO IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHO PASSED  
4 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. HE HAD FORMERLY BEEN IN THE UNITED  
5 STATES NAVY AND WAS A CAPTAIN AS A CHAPLAIN IN THE UNITED  
6 STATES NAVY. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER. BETTY MOFFITT,  
7 MY CLASSMATE'S MOTHER, BILLY JEAN MOFFITT, BILLIE JEAN KING  
8 PASSED AWAY AND ALSO SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF OUR FORMER SAN  
9 FRANCISCO GIANTS BASEBALL PITCHER RANDY MOFFITT. SHE PASSED  
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS. SHE HAD BEEN MARRIED TO BILL  
15 MOFFITT FOR 65 YEARS UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 2006. AND SHE SURVIVED  
16 BY HER DAUGHTER BILLIE AND RANDY. AMBASSADOR SHIRLEY TEMPLE  
17 BLACK PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85 WHO WAS NOT JUST AN  
18 ACCLAIMED FILM AND ACTRESS BUT ALSO A PUBLIC SERVANT. SHE IS  
19 ONE OF THOSE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE ACTING FIELD WHO WAS  
20 NOT JUST OUTSTANDING AS A CHILD BUT ALSO AS AN ADULT AND AS A  
21 RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY LEADER AND NATIONAL LEADER, AS WELL. SHE  
22 FOUND THE INTERNATIONAL FAME BACK IN 1934 AND RECEIVED A  
23 SPECIAL JUVENILE ACADEMY AWARD IN 1935. PRESIDENT NIXON  
24 APPOINTED HER TO SERVE AS THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AT  
25 THE 24TH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SHE WAS APPOINTED

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1 THE FIRST FEMALE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BY PRESIDENT  
2 GERALD FORD. PRESIDENT H.W. BUSH APPOINTED HER AS AMBASSADOR  
3 TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. AND SHE WAS RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS,  
4 HONORS AND PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH APPOINTED HER TO ANOTHER  
5 POSITION, AS WELL, IN AN INTERNATIONAL FIELD. SO SHE'S GOING  
6 TO BE REMEMBERED AS AN OUTSTANDING ROLE MODEL. AMBASSADOR  
7 RICHARD WILLIAMSON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. SOME OF YOU  
8 MAY REMEMBER HIM WHEN HE WORKED IN THE WHITE HOUSE. HE WAS IN  
9 ALL BUT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS TO RONALD REAGAN AND  
10 THEN WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION  
11 ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY PRESIDENT H.W. BUSH AND RICHARD THEN WAS  
12 LATER APPOINTED SPECIAL ENVOY TO SUDAN UNDER PRESIDENT GEORGE  
13 W. BUSH WHERE HE WORKED TO PREVENT-- WORKED TRYING TO PREVENT  
14 THE TERRIBLE GENOCIDES THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE THERE. BUT  
15 HE DIED AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. MARGUERITE EATON PASSED AWAY ON  
16 FEBRUARY 4TH AT THE AGE OF 89. SHE WAS A GOOD FRIEND, A GOOD  
17 SUPPORTER. SHE SERVED IN THE WAVES DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE  
18 WAS BORN IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE ALSO PLAYED THE PIANO FOR  
19 THAT WONDERFUL LADY THAT WE ALL ADMIRE, HELEN KELLER. SHE HAD  
20 SEVEN CHILDREN, TWO DAUGHTERS AND FIVE SONS. SHE WAS MARRIED  
21 TO A WONDERFUL MAN, DON, WHO PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO. SO  
22 SHE'S A TRUE FIGHTER FOR FREEDOM AND A PATRIOT OF HER GOD AND  
23 COUNTRY. ALSO IN MEMORY ADJOURNED FOR JOHN TENNANT, LONGTIME  
24 RESIDENT OF PASADENA, FORMER CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL. HE  
25 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. HE JOINED THE PASADENA FIRE

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1 DEPARTMENT IN 1972 AND WAS APPOINTED CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE  
2 MARSHAL BY GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS IN 2000. SOME OF US HAVE WORKED  
3 WITH HIM DURING THE VARIOUS FIRES THAT IMPACTED OUR COUNTY. HE  
4 IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN AND HIS BROTHER. JOHN BOTTONI,  
5 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
6 ARMY DURING VIETNAM, RECEIVING A PURPLE HEART. PASSED AWAY AT  
7 THE AGE OF 70. VIRGINIA LEE DIETRICH-REED, LIFE- LONG RESIDENT  
8 OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, REGISTERED NURSE WHO BEGAN HER CAREER AT  
9 ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL, ROSE TO DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S HEALTH  
10 STUDIES AND LATER BECAME A CASE MANAGER. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE  
11 COMMUNITY WITH THE ALPHA CHARTER GUILD AND HIGH DESERT  
12 HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION. JUNE ROACH, RETIRED CLERK FOR THE LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY  
14 28TH. TOMMY AQUINO, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA  
15 VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 21. HE WAS A SAUGUS HIGH  
16 GRADUATE AND WAS THE 2009 AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION'S  
17 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER.  
18 DEPUTY SERVICE ASSISTANT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
19 DEPARTMENT, EDWARD HALL, JR. PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 4TH. KATHY  
20 HARTZEL, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
21 58. SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE DENTAL PRACTICE FOR MANY YEARS  
22 AND THEN BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE. JACQUELINE HOWARD, WESTERN  
23 AREA VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE LINKS ORGANIZATION WHICH HELPS  
24 STUDENTS WHO SUCCEED, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 68. GRADUATE  
25 OF U.C.L.A. WITH TWO MASTER'S DEGREES AND SERVED L.A. UNIFIED

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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 35 YEARS. SHE ORGANIZED "PASADENA BEST,"  
2 SUPPORTING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE  
3 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FOUNDATION. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
4 HER HUSBAND, MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN. ENRIQUE LEON, RETIRED  
5 SERGEANT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND STEVEN  
6 BURKE PETTERSEN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA PASSED  
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 47. HE WAS A FORMER SERGEANT IN THE UNITED  
8 STATES ARMY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST MAKE A COUPLE COMMENTS. ONCE  
13 AGAIN I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DR. WILLIAM JOHNSON, FORMER  
14 SUPERINTENDENT LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH HE  
15 HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT'S OVERSIGHT SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE, AND HE STATED,  
17 AND I'LL READ THIS PART "I SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS  
18 ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 10-1/2 YEARS, 1971 TO '81. I  
19 BELIEVE THE CURRENT PHASE OF IPADS FROM SCHOOL BONDS IS  
20 ILLEGAL. MY COLLEAGUES, JERRY HALVERSON, FORMER DISTRICT LEGAL  
21 ADVISER AND HARRY SAUNDERS, FORMER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION  
22 DIRECTOR, SHARE MY VIEWS. IPADS ARE KNOWN TO LAST FOR  
23 APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY WILL  
24 MAKE THEM OBSOLETE, REQUIRING REPLACEMENTS. SCHOOL BONDS ARE  
25 DESIGNED TO BUY PROPERTY, BUILD SCHOOLS, EQUIP SCHOOLS WITH

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1 LASTING EQUIPMENT. SCHOOL BONDS ARE PAID FOR OVER A 25-YEAR  
2 PERIOD. I'VE TRIED TO CONVEY MY CONCERNS TO THE LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY HAVE NOT REACHED A FINAL CONCLUSION. IF  
4 \$1 BILLION IS UTILIZED FOR IPADS, HAS YOUR COMMITTEE  
5 DETERMINED WHICH PROJECTS WILL BE DELETED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE?  
6 WILL THE PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BE INFORMED, VOTERS  
7 APPROVE THE SCHOOL BONDS BECAUSE THEY NEED SCHOOLS TO BE  
8 BUILT, SCHOOLS REPAIRED, SCHOOL EQUIPMENT UPDATED? THEY DID  
9 NOT VOTE FOR IPADS, A THREE YEAR CONSUMABLE PRODUCT. PLEASE  
10 EXPLAIN HOW YOUR COMMITTEE CAN ACCEPT THE USE OF THE SCHOOL  
11 BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE IPADS." I GIVE THIS TO OUR  
12 COUNTY COUNSEL TO ONCE AGAIN RESEARCH THAT ISSUE FOR DR.  
13 JOHNSON AND MR. HALVERSON, WHO WAS THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE  
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT. THEN THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S PAPER  
15 SAYING THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN GIVEN TWO YEARS' DELAY IN  
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF 109. ONCE AGAIN, IT'S LIKE AN OLD INDIAN  
17 STORY ABOUT RIDING A DEAD HORSE. THE BEST ADVISE ON RIDING A  
18 DEAD HORSE IS NOT TO GET A NEW RIDER OR A NEW WHIP OR HAVE A  
19 COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE HORSE; IT'S TO GET A NEW HORSE. AND THE  
20 BEST HISTORY THAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM 109 IS THAT PROGRESS IS  
21 NOT A TWO-YEAR DELAY BUT TO REPEAL THE LAW AND BEGIN AGAIN IN  
22 DETERMINING HOW THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM WORKS WITH EVERYBODY  
23 PARTICIPATING AND GETTING A FAIR SOLUTION INSTEAD OF WHAT HAS  
24 BEEN GIVEN TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THEN YESTERDAY,  
25 THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL IS LOOKING AT FORBIDDING JUDGES FROM

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1 BEING INVOLVED WITH THE BOYS SCOUTS AS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF  
2 INTEREST. I WOULD BE WONDERING IF THEY ALSO ARE GOING TO HAVE  
3 JUDGES WHO ARE WITH THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION TO NOW  
4 WITHDRAW FROM THAT ORGANIZATION BECAUSE THAT ALSO POSES A  
5 CONFLICT WHEN THEY HAVE SUCH CASES BEFORE THEM. SO IT'S JUST  
6 REALLY CRAZY. BUT THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR  
9 ADJOURNMENTS?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
12 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ROBERTA DAVIS. SHE'S THE BELOVED  
13 MOTHER OF MICHELLE FITZGERALD. ROBERTA WAS THE PAST DIRECTOR  
14 FOR THE ALCOHOLISM CENTER FOR WOMEN, ONE OF THE WORTHY FIRST-  
15 DISTRICT AGENCIES THAT SERVED THE PICO-UNION COMMUNITY.  
16 ROBERTA'S DEVOTED SERVICE TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AND WE WANT  
17 TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER DAUGHTER AND HER  
18 FAMILY. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S IT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I  
2    ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE REVEREND WILLIE WILLIAMS,  
3    JR. BORN ON JANUARY 23, 1932 IN DALLAS, TEXAS, PASSED ON  
4    JANUARY 29 AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS A STAR ATHLETE, FOOTBALL,  
5    TRACK AND BASEBALL TEAMS AT THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH  
6    SCHOOL WHERE HE GRADUATED AS SALUTATORIAN. REVEREND WILLIAMS  
7    MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, ENLISTED IN THE ARMY, AND HE USED THE  
8    G.I. BILL TO FUND HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION. HE MET HIS FUTURE  
9    WIFE, LAURA PERRY, AT THE LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. AND THEY  
10    BOTH ATTENDED CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE GRADUATED  
11    WITH A BACHELORS OF ARTS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION. NOTABLY,  
12    REVEREND WILLIAMS TRIED OUT FOR THE BROOKLYN DODGERS' BASEBALL  
13    TEAM BUT CHOSE TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION RATHER THAN ACCEPT  
14    THEIR INVITATION TO ATTEND THEIR TRAINING CAMP. REVEREND  
15    WILLIAMS MARRIED MS. PERRY IN 1960 AND THEY RAISED TWO  
16    CHILDREN, TWO DAUGHTERS TO BE SPECIFIC, BEGAN HIS CAREER IN  
17    EDUCATION AS A PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT CARVER, THEN  
18    JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, NOW CARVER MIDDLE SCHOOL WHERE I MET HIM  
19    IN THE MID '60S. HE WAS LATER APPOINTED ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT  
20    CARVER. HE EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
21    IN 1996 AND SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF HORACE MANN AND BANCROFT  
22    MIDDLE SCHOOLS, AS WELL. HE ALSO HELD POSITIONS IN VARIOUS  
23    NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING  
24    THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE HE EMBARKED  
25    ON HIS FINAL CAREER AS A PASTOR, SERVING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST



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1 CHURCH OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND RETIRED AFTER SOME 28 YEARS OF  
2 SERVICE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A MENTOR, A ROLE MODEL, A  
3 BROTHER, A SURROGATE FATHER AND A GOOD FRIEND TO HIS STUDENTS,  
4 FRATERNITY BROTHERS, CHURCH MEMBERS, THE Y.M.C.A YOUTH AND  
5 YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN IN THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY FOR HIS LOVE OF  
6 GOD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LAURA, HIS DAUGHTERS ANGEL  
7 WILLIAMS AND DR. LANA WILLIAMS CARR, GRANDDAUGHTER COURTNEY  
8 CARR, SISTER TOMMIE MAE SHERMAN AND A HOST OF NIECES, NEPHEWS  
9 AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. AND I EXPRESSED  
10 THAT ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AS HE WAS A NEIGHBOR OF MINE, AS  
11 WELL. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO READ  
12 IN THE FOLLOWING MOTION. THIS COMES ON BEHALF OF BOTH  
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF, IMPLEMENTING SENATE BILL 1193  
14 AUTHORED BY SENATOR STEINBERG. BOTH THE CHAIRMAN AND I  
15 PARTICIPATED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY ON THE MATTER OF  
16 HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WE CONSIDER IT A DESPICABLE CRIME TO SAY  
17 THE VERY LEAST AS IT DEVALUES AND DEHUMANIZES ITS VICTIMS. THE  
18 NUMBERS ARE CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO HOW MANY SUCH YOUNG PEOPLE  
19 ARE VICTIMS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE HAVE ALREADY  
20 MOVED AN AGENDA FORWARD TO NOT ONLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE  
21 PIMPS BUT THE JOHNS AND WHAT IS NEEDED IN TERMS OF SOCIAL  
22 SERVICES FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE TRAP OF  
23 HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING. THIS PARTICULAR BILL REQUIRES  
24 BUSINESSES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS TO POST A NOTICE THAT  
25 CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING. IT WAS

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1 SIGNED INTO LAW IN 2012 BY GOVERNOR BROWN. AND SO THE CHAIRMAN  
2 AND I HAVE COME FORWARD TO BE A PART OF AN EFFORT TO LIFT THIS  
3 PROJECT FORWARD SO THAT WE CAN DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO. AND SO  
4 WE ESSENTIALLY ASK THAT THE C.E.O., IN COORDINATION WITH ALL  
5 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS, REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON THE  
6 FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATES REQUIRED BY S.B. 1193  
7 AND TO POST BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS WELL  
8 AS INFORMATION RELATED TO SPECIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
9 THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS AND TO THOSE WORKING IN  
10 SUPPORT OF THE ELIMINATION OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.  
11 SO WITH THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE BOARD WOULD  
12 BE READY TO EMBRACE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK, SO I WOULD SECOND THAT. AND  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I DO  
22 WANT TO SAY SISTER ST. GEORGE FOR A WHILE WAS A NEIGHBOR OF  
23 OURS. SHE TAUGHT AT DANIEL MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL DOWN THE STREET  
24 FROM WHERE I LIVED AND SHE USED TO TAKE HER WALKS AROUND OUR  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALWAYS HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. THAT WAS

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1 ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT HER THAT I CAN'T FORGET, IS HER  
2 INVOCATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN. SO I'M VERY  
7 SORRY TO HEAR SHE PASSED AWAY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE'S MISSING OPENING DAY OF DODGER STADIUM  
10 SINCE SHE'S SUCH A DODGER DIEHARD BUT SHE SAID SHE'LL BE  
11 LOOKING DOWN.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SURE SHE WILL. THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD JUST ADD TO THAT,  
16 TOO. HER INVOCATIONS WERE INFAMOUS ALL OVER. SO, MIKE, OUR  
17 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH THE FAMILY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST OF  
22 ALL A LONGTIME FRIEND HEINZ KUNOTH, 73, MISSED BY HIS FAMILY  
23 AND FRIENDS. ONE OF THOSE GREAT GERMANS AND JUST A GREAT GUY  
24 AND GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. I WILL MISS HIS FRIENDSHIP AND ALSO  
25 HIS MANY EMAILS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, FROM

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1 HOSPITAL BEDS, AS WELL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
2 ANOTHER GOOD BUDDY, RUBEN RIOS, A LONGTIME FRIEND AND  
3 COMMISSIONER, MY COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMISSION ON  
4 DISABILITIES, PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 44. AT THE AGE  
5 OF 18, HE SUFFERED A GUNSHOT WOUND WHICH LEFT HIM  
6 QUADRIPLLEGIC, COMPLETELY PARALYZED FROM THE NECK DOWN. AT  
7 RANCHO, HE WAS INTRODUCED TO HIS FIRST MOUTH STICK, WHICH ARE  
8 SPECIAL DEVICES THAT ALLOW PAINT BRUSHES AND OTHER OBJECTS TO  
9 BE CONTROLLED BY THE MOUTH. AFTER SEEING HIS WORK ON DISPLAY,  
10 HE EXCELLED IN LIFE AS A MOUTH STICK ARTIST. HE BECAME A  
11 MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MOUTH AND FOOT PAINTING ARTISTS.  
12 WORKED AS AN INSTRUCTOR ON OUR PEDIATRIC YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAM  
13 OUT AT RANCHO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ROSA, THREE  
14 SISTERS, CAROLINA, ROSE AND NANCY. RUBEN WAS NOT ONLY A  
15 TREMENDOUS INSPIRATION TO ME PERSONALLY BUT TO EVERYONE AT  
16 RANCHO. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND  
17 COLLEAGUES. AND WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE  
18 FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BUD LORBEER, AN EDUCATOR  
19 AND BUSINESSMAN WHO LED VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS AT RIO  
20 HONDO FOR MANY YEARS, PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH  
21 PARKINSON'S AT THE AGE OF 84. BORN AND RAISED IN PASADENA,  
22 WENT TO PASADENA CITY, U.C. SANTA BARBARA. WAS MARRIED TO  
23 JOYCE FOR 52 YEARS AND THEY LIVED IN LONG BEACH. HE WAS A HUGE  
24 FAN OF JOHN WOODEN AND BRUIN BASKETBALL. HE WAS A COMMODORE OF  
25 THE LONG BEACH YACHT CLUB AND WAS KNOWN FOR HIS FORTHRIGHT AND

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1 HONEST AND WAS VERY ENERGETIC. HE SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE  
2 DEBBI AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. CINDI, BILL, ANOTHER BUD, AND  
3 WENDY AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. GREAT GUY. REALLY, ONE OF THE  
4 ORIGINAL INVESTORS DOWN IN BELMONT SHORE AND SECOND STREET.  
5 ALSO TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB SCHREMP. HE HAD A LONG BATTLE  
6 WITH CANCER, FINALLY PASSED ON FEBRUARY 1ST. WELL KNOWN IN THE  
7 CITY OF BELLFLOWER FOR MANAGING THE BELLFLOWER BEARS, WHICH IS  
8 A SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL TEAM. SERVED ON THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION  
9 COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS. HE WAS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE  
10 N.F.L. ALUMNI ORGANIZATION AND WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS  
11 ANGELES RAMS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON DON, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW  
12 KIMBERLY AND GRANDSON AJ. WILL BE TRULY MISSED. ALSO I WANT TO  
13 JOIN WITH MIKE ON RICHARD SALISBURY WILLIAMSON, FORMER  
14 PRESIDENTIAL AIDE AS WELL AS BETTY MOFFITT. SO WITH THAT,  
15 THOSE ARE SO ORDERED. GOING TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, I WOULD JUST  
16 ADD TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE  
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF S.B.1193. I WAS ALSO UP IN SACRAMENTO LAST  
18 WEEK AND DID A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE  
19 STATE SENATE. VIRTUALLY COVERING THE ENTIRE STATE OF  
20 CALIFORNIA AS IT RELATES TO THIS WHOLE ISSUE OF HUMAN  
21 TRAFFICKING SEX TRAFFICKING AND A NUMBER OF BILLS THAT ARE  
22 BEING PROCESSED UP THERE TO NOT ONLY INCREASE THE PENALTIES ON  
23 JOHNS AND THE PIMPS BUT ALSO TO TRY TO MAKE IT EASIER ON THE  
24 VICTIMS, THOSE YOUNG GIRLS THAT ARE BEING TRAFFICKED. SO  
25 THERE'S A LOT GOING ON UP THERE. APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT. IT

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1 WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT. ERIC  
2 PREVEN, ARTURO GROSSMAN, OSCAR MUHAMMAD, MELLO DESIRE, OKAY.  
3 GO AHEAD.

4  
5 **ERIC PREVEN:** COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. I WANTED TO CALL  
6 ATTENTION TO A COUPLE ITEMS IN THE WAY THAT THEY WERE PUT ON  
7 THE AGENDA. ONE IS OF COURSE MR. HUNTSMAN IS GETTING A SMALL  
8 STAFF AT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU KNOW, I'VE ASKED  
9 THAT THIS BOARD RECONSIDER THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BEFORE  
10 STAFFING UP WITH A BUNCH OF COSTLY LAWYERS. YOU KNOW, I THINK  
11 COSTLY LAWYERS CAN HAVE A ROLE. I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S WHAT  
12 WE NEED RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE A LOT OF THEM IN THAT PARTICULAR  
13 CATEGORY. I WISH IT WASN'T PUT ON THE GREEN SHEET AND BUMPED A  
14 WEEK. BUT WE'LL GET CHANCE TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY ON THAT, BUT I  
15 WISH IT WAS DONE DIFFERENTLY. ON ANOTHER ITEM WAS A  
16 RETROACTIVE APPROVAL AND GLORIA MOLINA CERTAINLY DID A GREAT  
17 JOB IN HER DISTRICT WITH THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL. THIS WAS  
18 A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY DURING THE STIMULUS. IT WAS A STIMULUS  
19 PROGRAM TO BUILD AND RESTORE THIS BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF  
20 ARCHITECTURE, WHICH THEY DID. UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS NOT A  
21 SMOOTH PROJECT, I WOULD SAY. IT WAS EXPENSIVE AND IT WENT ON  
22 AND ON. BUT HERE WE FIND THAT THERE WAS A CELEBRATION. I KNOW  
23 ABOUT IT. BUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU APPROVE THOSE CELEBRATIONS IN  
24 ADVANCE, IT ALLOWS THE PUBLIC TO KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHAT'S  
25 HAPPENING. YOU DO IT RETROACTIVELY, IT LEAVES A BAD TAKES IN

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1 MY MOUTH. I WAS TRACKING THAT VERY CLOSELY. I REMEMBER WHEN  
2 MR. FUJIOKA AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY WERE DISCUSSING, WE GOT TO  
3 MAKE SURE THAT SOMEHOW VETERANS SERVICES COME INTO THIS  
4 FACILITY BECAUSE THIS IS A FACILITY THAT IS A LITTLE ODD. IT'S  
5 NOT A PERFECTLY APPLICABLE. IT HAS A LOT OF USES. BUT A  
6 BROCHURE IN THE LOBBY IS ONE KIND OF SERVICES. BUT ACTUALLY A  
7 COUPLE OF FLOORS DEVOTED TO REAL SERVICES IS ANOTHER KIND OF  
8 SERVICE. AND I KNOW THAT THEY MADE EFFORTS. IT MAY BE, IN  
9 FACT, THAT ALL THOSE THINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. I THINK  
10 THAT WOULD BE.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PERHAPS YOU OUGHT TO VISIT TO SEE. A LOT OF  
13 THOSE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.

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15 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT HAS BEEN. THAT'S AWESOME. THAT'S GREAT, BUT  
16 STILL, I THINK THAT THE POINT ABOUT REPORTING IS I WOULD HAVE  
17 KNOWN THAT HAD IT COME BACK TO THIS BOARD AND BEEN ANNOUNCED  
18 IN ADVANCE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE A VETERAN, SO YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN  
21 ABOUT THAT, RIGHT?

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23 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M A VETERAN? NO, I'M NOT A VETERAN. MY FATHER'S  
24 A VETERAN. YOU'RE A VETERAN.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS, YEAH.

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3    **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, EXACTLY. BUT I'M NOT A VETERAN, NO. I'M A  
4    RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN. RIGHT, OKAY.  
5    THANK YOU.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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9    **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR MUHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR  
10   THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR STRUGGLING POOR. I SPEAK FOR  
11   CULTURE CHANGE. FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE UNITED  
12   STATES OF AMERICA FOREVER. FEBRUARY REMINDS AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
13   EX SLAVES ABOUT OUR SELF-IDENTITY. WE LOST OUR SELF-IDENTITY  
14   THROUGH THE SLAVE TRADE. HISTORY GIVE US MORE IDENTITY TO  
15   UNITE US. BUT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ANDREW CARNEGIE. HE WAS A  
16   MOOR. A MUSLIM FROM PITTSBURGH. HE WAS THE RICHEST MAN IN  
17   AMERICA AT ONE TIME. HE HELPED START RAILROADS IN AMERICA.  
18   ANDREW CARNEGIE START BUILDING THE HIGH-RISES IN AMERICA. IN  
19   HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, HE IS KNOWN AS AMERICA'S GREATEST  
20   INDUSTRIALIST. ANDREW CARNEGIE FINANCED MANY BLACK COLLEGES,  
21   HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGES TO BE BUILT IN AMERICA TO EDUCATE  
22   BLACK PEOPLE. AND ALSO ANDREW CARNEGIE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TO  
23   LIBRARIES TO EDUCATE BLACK PEOPLES. OUR BLACK CONTRIBUTION TO  
24   AMERICA HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT. BUT WE SHOULD END SKID ROW. SKID  
25   ROW IS A VERY DANGEROUS AND VIOLENT PLACE TO BE IN. THE ONLY



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1 ONE WAY YOU LEAVE OFF OF SKID ROW WOULD BE DEATH OR JAIL HOUSE  
2 OR HOSPITAL. IT IS VERY UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS  
3 TO LIVE ON SKID ROW AS THEY DO. BUT POLITICS IS NOTHING BUT  
4 ORGANIZED CRIME. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO MAKE OUR LEADERS  
5 ACCOUNTABLE OF THEIR ACTIONS, TO HAVE INTEREST OR BUSINESS  
6 WHILE IN PUBLIC SERVICE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. AMERICA WOULD BE  
7 A MUCH BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN THE WE CAN LIVE BY THE  
8 CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNS US. BUT I REMEMBER BACK IN THE '60S  
9 PEOPLE TOLD ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT INVITED MANY BLACK WOMEN TO  
10 COME TO LOS ANGELES TO HAVE BABIES AND GET ON WELFARE WITHOUT  
11 THE ASSISTANCE OF THE BABY'S FATHER TO RAISE THEM. SO OUR  
12 PROBLEM LIES WITH THE HOME, THOUGH, AND THE GOVERNMENT WHAT  
13 GOVERNED US. BUT OUR GOVERNMENT IS SWORN IN TO UPHOLD THE  
14 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THANKS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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18 **ARTURO GROSSMAN:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARTURO  
19 GROSSMAN. I WORK FOR RANCHO FOR 20 YEARS. I JUST COME HERE TO  
20 REPORT A FEW THINGS THAT HAPPENED THERE IN MY DEPARTMENT. I'M  
21 A CUSTODIAN. I WORK IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.  
22 AND I JUST COME FOR HELP. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING IN  
23 MY DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THAT IS THE SUPERVISORS. ONE OF THE  
24 SUPERVISORS HARASSING ME ALL THE TIME. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME  
25 I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM AND I REPORT HIM AND

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1 NOBODY DO NOTHING. THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS. I JUST ASK FOR AN  
2 INVESTIGATION INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT AND TRY TO FIX IT. I JUST  
3 WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY THAT CAN HELP ME.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU CAN TALK TO A MEMBER OF MY  
6 STAFF. RICHARD? TALK TO THIS GENTLEMAN, PLEASE? THANK YOU.  
7 NEXT? AND THEN I'D ASK ARNOLD SACHS AND DAVID SERRANO TO JOIN  
8 US, PLEASE.

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10 **MELLO DESIRE:** GOOD EVENING, BOARD. MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I  
11 AM A FILMMAKER AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST FOR INNER-CITY YOUTH AND  
12 THE INCARCERATED. ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 5 P.M. WE WOULD  
13 LOVE TO HAVE EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.  
14 THESE ARE GOING TO BE THE FIRST PERFORMANCES THAT THESE  
15 HOMELESS YOUTH WILL BE PERFORMING. AND WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT  
16 AND JUST COME OUT AND SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING. WE'VE BEEN  
17 DOING THIS FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW. AND THIS IS GOING TO BE  
18 PROBABLY THE LAST PERFORMANCE BEFORE WE ARE ABLE TO GET SOME  
19 TYPE OF FUNDING. BUT TO FURTHER ON, WE WANT YOU TO COME OUT  
20 AND SEE WHAT THESE YOUTH, HOW PERFORMING ARTS HAVE CHANGED A  
21 LOT OF THESE ANGRY KIDS. A LOT OF THEM WERE CUSSING AND JUST  
22 HAD TEMPER TANTRUMS. AND A LOT OF THEM DIDN'T WANT TO EVEN BE  
23 AROUND, A LOT OF THEM HAD SUICIDAL TENDENCIES. A LOT OF THEM  
24 WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE SYSTEM OR THEY JUST GOT OUT OF  
25 JUVENILE. SO THESE ARE AT-RISK YOUTH THAT HAVE CHANGED

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1 TREMENDOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ATTACHED ALSO IS A SUPPORT  
2 LETTER FROM LEROY LOCK FROM A DRAMA TEACHER WHERE WE HAVE  
3 CASTINGS AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL, AS WELL. WE REALLY NEED SOME  
4 TYPE OF SUPPORT, WHETHER IT'S FUNDING, WE'RE TALKING MORE  
5 ABOUT JUST COMING OUT. WE DON'T DO THIS OFTEN. AND THIS WILL  
6 BE THE LAST EVENT THAT WE'LL HAVE IN FEBRUARY. ESPECIALLY MISS  
7 MOLINA, I WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME OUT AND SEE THESE KIDS  
8 CHANGE THROUGH ACTING, SINGING AND DANCING. VERY TALENTED.  
9 KIDS DON'T WAKE UP IN COMPTON AND WATTS AND EAST L.A. AND  
10 BOYLE HEIGHTS, MACARTHUR PARK AND INGLEWOOD TO BE GANG  
11 MEMBERS. BUT WHEN YOU ASK A CHILD, "WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE  
12 WHEN YOU GROW UP?" THEY SAY, "I WANT TO BE A BASKETBALL PLAYER  
13 OR FOOTBALL PLAYER OR GANGSTER OR RAPPER." THESE ARE THE TOP  
14 FOUR CHOICES THAT THESE KIDS SAY IN THESE AREAS THEY WANT TO  
15 BE. WE WANT TO TURN THAT AROUND BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY  
16 INTELLIGENT AND SMART. THEY NEED SOMEONE TO REACH OUT TO THEM  
17 AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

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19 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY  
20 SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOR INFINITY, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. THE HOLY  
21 TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, THE CREATOR AND THE UNIVERSE,  
22 AMEN. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY  
23 SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. JESUS  
24 NEVER SINNED. JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD. HE FORGAVE  
25 PEOPLE'S SINS. AND HE DID MANY AWESOME MIRACLES, INCLUDING

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1 RAISING THE DEAD TO LIFE. INNOCENT JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS ON  
2 THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS BURIED AND ON THE THIRD  
3 DAY, JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB. JESUS  
4 APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE OF 40  
5 DAYS. THEN JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN. JESUS CHRIST IS  
6 AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER, ALMIGHTY, IN THE KINGDOM  
7 OF GOD, AMEN. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH FAITH  
8 IN JESUS, THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD, AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD.  
9 CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,  
10 AMEN. CHRISTIANS RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD IN THE  
11 KINGDOM OF GOD AMEN. UNBELIEVERS RECEIVE THE PENALTY FOR THEIR  
12 OWN SINS. UNBELIEVERS DIE AND BURN IN THE FIRE OF HADES.  
13 REPENT AND BELIEVE REALITY. JESUS IS GOD. AND THEN YOU SHALL  
14 RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING WITH GOD AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD,  
15 AMEN. HALLELUJAH! HAVE A NICE DAY.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JABRIEL MUHAMMAD? MR. SACHS?

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A  
20 COUPLE OF ARTICLES THAT SHOWED UP IN THE L.A. TIMES ON THE  
21 SAME DAY. SANDY BANKS WRITES A COLUMN ABOUT STATE LEGISLATOR  
22 ROGER GRIPE WHO JUST GOT CONVICTED OF FLOUTING THE RESIDENCY  
23 LAW, THE STATE LAW THAT EXISTS FOR GOOD REASON. AND THEN  
24 THERE'S A STORY REGARDING THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR AND IF  
25 DETAILS THAT GO ON WITH THE BRIDGEGATE. CHRISTIE DETAILS WHAT

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1 HE DID AND DIDN'T KNOW. SO YOU WONDER: HOW COME THEY TALK  
2 ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON ALL THE WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE  
3 OF THE NATION BUT DON'T TALK ABOUT THE LAWS THAT ARE FLOUTED  
4 AND IGNORED BY THE COUNTY IN L.A.? I THINK SOMEBODY MENTIONED  
5 WHEN YOU HAD THE HEARING TODAY, STATE LAW REQUIRES IT. AND  
6 UNFORTUNATELY OR FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, YOU ONLY GAVE ONE MINUTE  
7 TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE I SURE AS HELL WOULD HAVE LOVED TO BRING  
8 UP THE M.T.A. AND THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THE COUNTY TOOK TO  
9 MODIFY STATE LAW. SO WHY DON'T YOU TELL THE PEOPLE AT THE  
10 HEARING "AIN'T NO BIG THING. WE'LL JUST MODIFY STATE LAW.  
11 WE'LL MAKE IT A METRO PROJECT AND WE'LL MODIFY STATE LAW. " MY  
12 SUGGESTION FOR A.B.109: TOO MANY CRIMINALS ON THE WORLD-  
13 FAMOUS, WORLD-RENOWN METRO SYSTEM. WE NEED TO GET THEM OFF.  
14 LET'S MODIFY STATE LAW. LET'S CHANGE A.B.109, MR. ANTONOVICH.  
15 YOU'RE THE LEADER BEHIND THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY  
16 BACK IN 2005. CHANGE THE LAW. YOU CAN DO IT. YOU MAKE IT UP.  
17 SO WHAT IF YOU ARE STEALING A LITTLE MONEY? WHO CARES. YOUR  
18 SISTER WAS A NUN? HOW'D THAT GO OVER AT DINNERS WHEN YOU  
19 MENTIONED, "OH BY THE WAY--"

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU'RE OUT OF LINE.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EXCUSE ME SIR?

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HEARD WHAT I SAID.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, I DIDN'T.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I SAID YOU'RE OUT OF LINE. THANK YOU.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, I'M NOT OUT OF LINE.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO. WHEN IT COMES TO STEALING, YOU'RE NOT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT.

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14 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** SUPERVISORS, THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR  
15 THE BISMILLAH, THE YOUTH JUSTICE MOVEMENT. IT WAS BROUGHT TO  
16 OUR ATTENTION THAT THIS IS IN FACT BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WE  
17 WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS IN THE CIVIL  
18 RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THIS MONTH IN CIVIL RIGHTS WHICH WE ALL--  
19 THEY'RE INALIENABLE RIGHTS. BUT WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
20 EFFORT OF THE MOVEMENT IN ITSELF AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUCCESS  
21 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE LANDSCAPE OF ADMINISTRATION AND WE KNOW  
22 THAT PRIOR TO THE MOVEMENT WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE LANDSCAPE OF  
23 THE ADMINISTRATION, WE SAW NO AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHATSOEVER. AS  
24 A MATTER OF FACT, AFRICAN-AMERICANS WEREN'T EVEN ALLOWED TO  
25 ARREST OUTSIDE OF THEIR RACE. SHAMEFUL. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO

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1 GIVE A SHOUT OUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THIS IS BISMILLAH, THE  
2 JUSTICE MOVEMENT IN THE NAME OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
3 MADE ON THE PART OF THE MOVEMENT. AND WE CONSIDER MR. MARK  
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS, OUR SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, AND WE WANT TO  
5 SEND A SHOUT OUT TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, OUR SECOND DISTRICT  
6 SUPERVISOR, COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND AFRICAN-  
7 AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE SAW TO HIS  
8 BEING PLACED HERE, WE WANT TO GIVE THAT SHOUT OUT TO ALL  
9 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATORS THROUGHOUT THE  
10 COUNTRY THAT THEY BE MINDFUL THAT YOUR POSITIONS HAVE ALL TO  
11 DO WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THOSE BEFORE YOU, THE FOREFATHERS, ALL  
12 THAT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PRIOR TO READING US INTO  
15 CLOSED SESSION, WE DO HAVE A MOTION THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CARE  
16 OF AS IT RELATES TO AN ITEM WE'LL BE DISCUSSING IN CLOSED  
17 SESSION.

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19 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** I BELIEVE YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE AN URGENCY  
20 MOTION.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE URGENCY, SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1   **LORAYNE LINGAT:** SO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
2   NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
3   CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,  
4   CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL CONFERENCE REGARDING INITIATION OF  
5   LITIGATION TWO CASES AND ITEM NO. C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD  
6   PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. IN  
7   ADDITION, THE BOARD MADE A FINDING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE  
8   SECTION 54594.2 THAT THE BOARD FINDS THAT THERE IS A NEED TO  
9   TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THAT THE NEED FOR ACTION AROSE  
10   SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. THEREFORE THE BOARD  
11   WILL ADD ITEM C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, EXISTING  
12   LITIGATION, A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION ET AL. VERSUS LOS  
13   ANGELES COUNTY ET AL., U.S. DISTRICT COURT CASE NO. 12CV-  
14   10400-PA-AGRX AND A.I.D.S. HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION ET AL.  
15   VERSUS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL. L.A.S.C. CASE NUMBER  
16   VC517979.

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW. THANK YOU, MR. KRATTLI. DO YOU FEEL  
19   COMFORTABLE NOW? OKAY. LET'S GO TO CLOSED SESSION.

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1        **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

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5        CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6        (Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section

7        54956.9) Initiation of litigation (two cases) (14-0684)

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9        The Board authorized the County to file a petition for writ of

10       mandate challenging the decision in two Civil Service

11       Commission cases. The details will be disclosed to any person

12       upon inquiry once the writs are formally filed.

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14       The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being

15       present.

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17       No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 nor CS-3.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors February 11, 2014,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
16 17th day of February 2014, for the County records to be used  
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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